



Al Almada

February 3, 2026

Alfred Rezendes Almada, 98, of West Hartford, CT, passed away at his assisted-living home in Haddam, CT on February 3, 2026. Born in Hartford, CT, to Maria Cabral Alberto San Miguel Almada and Francisco Rezendi Almada. His family returned to the Azores when he was two, where he was raised on the island of St. Michael, returning to Connecticut at the age of twelve. He was a communicant of St. Peter Claver Church. He served in the Navy during WWII. He worked for many years in manufacturing in Hartford and served for a time as an Auxiliary State Police officer. During much of his life he worked multiple jobs to support his family, especially while he and his wife built their business. Al and his wife, Virginia, owned Almada Molded Shoes and Shoe Repair where he crafted custom orthopedic shoes and repaired shoes along with his son, Ed. He was widely known for his expertise and craftsmanship, and his shoes were sought after by people from as far away as China. His shoes brought comfort and enhanced mobility for those with disabilities and injuries. Al was a determined individual, undeterred by his lack of formal education and childhood poverty. When he decided on a course of action, he could not be stopped. Al achieved his pilot's license, was an avid and talented bowler and began playing amateur Jai Alai in his forties. Jai Alai became a passion for him and yielded many cherished friendships. He was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Virginia [Chaves] Almada, and his brothers: Manual Almada and Albert Almada.

He leaves behind his son Edmund F. Almada and wife Nancy Sacherek of

West Hartford; three daughters: Nancy A. Balles and her husband Thomas Balles, of Laurel Maryland, Diane J. Almada and her husband Joseph Szweg, of Trumbull, CT, and Valerie A. Almada and her husband Paul Boothroyd, of East Haddam, CT. He also leaves behind two grandchildren: Katherine Harman Philipp and her husband Michael Philipp of Alexandria, VA and Matthew Harman of Orleans, MA, as well as two great-grandsons, Owen and Eric Philipp. He will be missed greatly by his family and his many dear friends, leaving us all with wonderful memories. Friends and family may call Sunday February 8, from 3-6 pm at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. W. Hartford. His funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday February 9, at 10:00 am at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant St. West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford.

“Live your life in such a way that even the funeral director is sad to see you go.” W.C.Molloy

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave
West Hartford, CT 06107
(860) 521-5270

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 8. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Peter Claver
47 Pleasant St.
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Diane, Nancy, Valerie, so very sorry for your family’s loss. I have great memories of visiting you guys in West Hartford and going to concerts with Diane. May he rest in peace, he passed away one hour after our Mom. I’m sure they’re up there partying* ”

Michelle St.Amand - February 11 at 11:11 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Al Almada.* ”



February 06 at 08:42 PM

HG

“ *Nancy & Tom, we send our love at this time of loss and transition. May you have peace and find comfort in each other, your family, and your many friends back home. Love, Hope and Dennis* ”

Hope Finn Gilbert - February 06 at 10:29 AM

GS

“ Nancy, Diane, Valerie, Ed -
My entry into your family was thru Nancy. I grew to feel like a part of your family and had a friendship with each of you and both your parents. So many memories of dinner in that intimate little nook in your kitchen and traditional Sunday dinners in the dining room, and talks in the front living room. Your Mom, always bustling around in her apron - energizer bunny. And your Dad with that distinctive smile and twinkling eyes. I am so sorry they have now both passed yet these memories live on. Thanks to them and each of you for letting me be a part of your family. Brought me joy then and now.

I live in Chicago so will not be there but am thinking of you.

*With love,
Gay Coll Savary*

Gabrielle Savary - February 06 at 10:29 AM

IU

“ Ignacio U. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Al Almada.

Ignacio U. - February 06 at 07:28 AM

HF

“ Hartford Jai-Alai Players & Families purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Al Almada.



Hartford Jai-Alai Players & Families - February 05 at 09:06 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Al Almada.*



February 05 at 02:32 PM



“ *Kurt and Kim Philipp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Al Almada.*

Kurt and Kim Philipp - February 05 at 02:32 PM



“ *Frank and Sally Chaves and family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Al Almada.*



Frank and Sally Chaves and family - February 05 at 12:00 PM



“ *Frank and Sally Chaves and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Al Almada.*

Frank and Sally Chaves and family - February 05 at 12:00 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Al Almada.*



February 05 at 11:03 AM



“ *Love -Tina, Mike and Seth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Al Almada.*

Love -Tina, Mike and Seth - February 05 at 11:03 AM



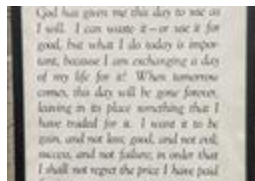
“ *Love, Mary and Gary Garofalo purchased the Fair of All for the family of Al Almada.*



Love, Mary and Gary Garofalo - February 05 at 09:48 AM



“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Brian Kowalczyk - February 05 at 09:40 AM