



## Carl A. Tocco

July 29, 1940 - April 27, 2022

Carl Albert (Babe) Tocco died peacefully on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, surrounded by his family.

Born in Detroit on July 29, 1940 to the late Carl and Clara (Corona) Tocco, Carl is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Joan (Lindquist), along with his three sons, Michael (Rich), Keith (Edgard), Bradley, grandsons Eli and Max (and their mom, Cara), his loving brother Fred (Valerie) Tocco, sister-in-law, Laura (Gary) Miserlian, brother-in-law, Don Lindquist along with many nieces and nephews, cousins and extended family that acted as surrogate siblings throughout his life.

Carl graduated from Southeastern High School in Detroit in 1958, where he excelled at baseball. He was co-captain of the team and a star catcher which led to a tryout at Tigers stadium. Sports were always central to his life, and he especially loved the Tigers. After graduation, he started a lifetime career at General Motors and established lifelong friendships with coworkers.

Carl will be remembered most for his generosity to others and his love and dedication to his family. Carl and Joan opened their home to international exchange students who became an extension of their family and whom Carl thought of as additional children, Lourdes (Seville, Spain) and Tomoko (Nagoya, Japan).

If you knew Carl, you might remember him most for his sense of humor and his countless stories. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in his honor to:

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) for soft tissue sarcoma cancer research.  
Online donations <https://giving.mskcc.org/>

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, MI. 48207

Online donations <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z3SN/campaign/C-123M2>

Visitation Friday, April 29, 2022, from 3-6pm with a 5pm Prayer at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc., (Shelby) 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. A private family burial will be the following day on April 30, 2022 at Resurrection Cemetery.

For those unable to attend on short notice, there will be a memorial service at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church at the end of the summer (likely Labor Day weekend). Details to follow.

Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Tribute Wall

MT

“ *Max And Eli Tocco lit a candle in memory of Carl A. Tocco*



Max and Eli Tocco - November 27, 2022 at 09:50 PM

SS

“ *I have known Carl for 50 years. Carl was a great friend. He was one of those people that was always there for his friends and family. Carl will be missed by many. He always had that joke to be said. My love and sympathies go out to his family.*

Sandi Stuller - May 15, 2022 at 02:09 PM

LL

“ *Sorry to hear about Carl . My mom Josephine Cafagna was long time friend of his parents. My heart goes out to his family.*

Lynn Cafagna Lusk - April 30, 2022 at 06:59 AM

JP

“ *My wife, Janet Laur, and I knew Carl in Jackson Jr. Hi. and Southeastern. He was a thoughtful, kind and sensitive presence. The room was always better when Carl was in it.*

Jim Pallas - April 29, 2022 at 01:06 PM

AC

“ *From his cousin Albert Cafagna & wife Beth: Carl will be greatly missed by his Corona family & many Cafagna cousins. When someone was ill or needed help, Carl always gave generously of his time & effort. He & Joan opened their home to many relatives & friends, offering thoughtful hospitality. Carl was a dedicated worker, husband, father, grandfather & friend. We will miss his sense of humor & kindness.*

Albert & Beth Cafagna - April 29, 2022 at 03:20 AM

DD

“ We met Carl and Joan when we moved onto Moonlight Lake. While not our immediate neighbors, we all share a sense of community and respect for one another. Carl was our go to guy with respect to lake management. Carl and I shared one other thing, the GM brotherhood. I know Mary and I will miss him at the lake meetings and the shout outs while floating in the summer. Rest easy my friend the battle you fought with such vigor had earned you a place with God. Our condolences to you Joan and the Tocco family.

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**Dennis Dickty** - April 28, 2022 at 07:21 PM

DT

“ I first met Carl when his family moved to Coplin where my family resided. Together we went to Carstens Elementary School, Jackson Intermediate School and Southeastern High School. I last saw Carl at the Detroit Yacht Club where about 40 of us gathered for our 60th reunion. He and his wife greeted Mike and me. We shared stories, things that bound us together. RIP dear friend.  
David Thompson

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**David Thompson** - April 28, 2022 at 07:04 PM

PS

“ Dear Joanie and family,  
Our prayers and love are with you at this sad time. We treasure all the years together and the many memories we have. Carl and his quick wit and humor we will miss so much. He loved his family and was a dear friend to so many and always ready to lend a hand to someone in need. We will miss him.  
May God be with you and comfort you.  
Love and blessings,  
Peggy and Craig Schley

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**Peggy Schley** - April 28, 2022 at 06:57 PM

RS

“ I played with Carl for 2 years at Southeastern High School. He was a great teammate but an even greater person. I will miss seeing him at the yearly reunions for classes that have graduated over 50 years ago. My condolences to his family.

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**Ronald Syme** - April 28, 2022 at 05:13 PM

CZ

“ I was with Joanie the night she met Carl. After a few weeks of dating you knew how Carl felt about Joan. They had met their forever loves. We shared many laughs together through the years. Many I can't remember nor repeat but know I laughed when he said them. So glad Tom and I could share a cold Boston cooler with him.

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**Carol and Tom Zoellner** - April 28, 2022 at 05:04 PM

BS

We knew Carl through our brother-in-law Ron Kathrein married to Paulette. Joanie & Karl had Paulette stay at their home during the 1967 riots as Paulette could not cross the border to return to Canada. During the years we met Joanie & Carl with the Kathreins. Our condolences to all the family during this difficult time.

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**Bob & Marlene Schiller** - May 02, 2022 at 02:21 PM