



Carmella Sabaugh

August 3, 1938 - June 8, 2024

Sabaugh, Carmella passed away peacefully on June 8, 2024 at the age of 85.

Born on August 3, 1938 in Detroit, Michigan to Paul and Lena Visconti. Carmella was orphaned with her sisters in her early childhood. She overcame early hardship and thrived with her family and political career. She was elected to Warren City Council, Warren City Clerk and Macomb County Clerk over a distinguished 40-year career in public service.

Carmella married Richard Sabaugh in June 1960 and moved to Warren where she became a mother to five children who survive her: Rick (the late Vicki), Mike (Rashell), Renee (Todd), Jeanine (Rick) and Matt (Rachel) (now an elected Macomb County Circuit Court Judge). Carmella shared 27 years of marriage with Richard; their relationship, enriched with love and friendship, endured beyond their marriage, exemplifying a commitment to family that remained steadfast through many celebrations and milestones.

In addition to her five children; her family included 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren who loved her for her devotion to each of them. She is survived by her sister, Pauline Peterson, and many loving nieces and nephews.

Family was the cornerstone of our mother's world. She deeply cherished her

children, grandchildren, sisters, in-laws, nieces, and nephews. Her love for her family was boundless, and she took immense pride in their achievements and supported their aspirations.

Carmella also dedicated herself to a distinguished political career, impacting many from her early days on the Warren City Council and Warren City Clerk to significant roles such as Macomb County Clerk. She was a pillar in politics, yet her commitment extended beyond her title as she genuinely served the public.

Her readiness to assist constituents, whether it involved urgent requests for essential documents over weekends or guidance, underscored her dedication.

Her campaigns were a family affair, we were all part of it, including bingo nights that brought in funds and fun; assembling and distributing literature in neighborhoods (the prized State of Michigan map or a “Sabaugh” ruler), putting up campaign signs, and working election day polls.

At the County Clerk’s office, Carmella saw her staff as an extended family. She was a mentor and cheerleader, encouraging personal and professional growth among her team. Her leadership not only earned numerous national awards for service excellence but also fostered a collaborative and supportive environment.

Beyond her public roles, she was an active community member, an amazing cook, a seamstress and deeply loved by her countless friends.

As we remember Carmella, we celebrate a matriarch who was a positive force of faith and love in all of our lives. In her memory, may we all bring more of that Carmella energy into our relationships and communities.

Thank you for sharing in this reflection of her remarkable life.

Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI; <https://www.leaderdog.org/>

Family will receive friends Sunday June 23, 2024 from 3-8pm at Wujek-Calcaterra, 36900 Schoenherr Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48312.

A Memorial Mass will be held Monday June 24, 2024 at 11am at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 1400 Inglewood Ave., Rochester, MI 48307.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 23. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Memorial Gathering

JUN 24. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew Catholic Church
1400 Inglewood
Rochester, MI 48307-1518

Memorial Mass

JUN 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Rochester, MI 48307-1518

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Gray Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carmella Sabaugh.*



The Gray Family - June 23, 2024 at 10:46 AM

TF

“ *The Gray Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmella Sabaugh.*

The Gray Family - June 23, 2024 at 10:46 AM

PF

“ *Paul Zalewski and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carmella Sabaugh.*



Paul Zalewski and Family - June 23, 2024 at 09:14 AM

LF

“ *Lisa, Kelsey and Fred purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carmella Sabaugh.*



Lisa, Kelsey and Fred - June 21, 2024 at 06:26 PM

TM

“ *The Mareski's purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Carmella Sabaugh.*



The Mareski's - June 21, 2024 at 11:37 AM

BF

“ *Bill Gornicki & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carmella Sabaugh.*



Bill Gornicki & Family - June 21, 2024 at 08:45 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carmella Sabaugh.*



June 20, 2024 at 09:27 AM

DF

“ *Dino & Cathy Fanelli purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carmella Sabaugh.*



Dino & Cathy Fanelli - June 19, 2024 at 03:54 PM

TN

“ She was a great Lady and she was very proud of all her kids and Whenever someone mentioned Matt her ears perked up and she smiled on all 32))

I even had the opportunity to drive her and her friend once from an event - that was a very interesting car ride I won't forget.

She was a one of a kind public servant and I am happy to have called her a friend.

Taras N - June 19, 2024 at 11:10 AM

MS

“ Carmella has always had my admiration and respect for being one of the few people in Warren who tried to help my mother when a factory near her home was running uncushioned presses at all hours of the day and night. RIP Dear Lady.

Mary Stevick - June 13, 2024 at 09:06 PM

WJ

“ with love, Anthony and Ida Jacobs purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carmella Sabaugh.



with love, Anthony and Ida Jacobs - June 13, 2024 at 06:26 PM

DC

“ I worked with Carmella for many years. She was always admirable and a wonderful lady. She was a great leader. Prayers to the entire Sabaugh family.

Donna S Cangemi - June 12, 2024 at 07:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carmella Sabaugh.



June 12, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ Bill & Robin Wolfe purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carmella Sabaugh.



Bill & Robin Wolfe - June 12, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmella Sabaugh.



June 11, 2024 at 09:35 PM



“ Jesse, Elizabeth, Elena, Lucy and Maddy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmella Sabaugh.

Jesse, Elizabeth, Elena, Lucy and Maddy - June 11, 2024 at 09:35 PM

DR

“ So very sorry for the Sabaugh family loss. Your family were my childhood neighbors. I have several memories of your mom walking down the street to visit my mom, talking like parents of elementary school children often do. I also recall helping on several of her campaigns. Before my mother’s passing, we drove through the old neighborhood, my mom said, “That’s Carmella’s house” as we drove by. May your mom rest in peace.

Dan Roeske

Dan Roeske - June 11, 2024 at 04:17 PM

LC

“ Sorry to learn of Ms. Sabaugh's passing. Briefly worked as a file clerk for her at Macomb County Courthouse in 2005. She made a lasting impression on me as she was a true leader, coach/mentor and extremely professional. I never forgot how she treated me and everyone else with courtesy and respect. May she RIP.

Leslie Caruso

Leslie Caruso - June 11, 2024 at 02:10 PM

JJ

“ My sincerest condolences to the friends, family and loved ones of Carmella. She was a kind and wonderful woman. May God welcome her into heaven and give peace to her loved ones. God bless her.

James L. Galen, Jr.

James L. Galen, Jr. - June 10, 2024 at 10:27 PM

VP

So sorry for your loss. My condolences to the family .May she rest in peace God bless 🙏🙏

vito pulizzi - June 11, 2024 at 09:27 AM

JF

*Such a great person
Loved her from the first day we met
Rest in Peace Carmella 💕🙏💕*

judi Frocillo - June 11, 2024 at 05:41 PM

CW

“carm was certainly a pillar of strength and will be missed by everyone who knew her. I will miss our nightly walks and talks. making bags of popcorn and cookies for everyone she knew for christmas. she took a piece of my heart with her...”

christina westpfahl - June 10, 2024 at 04:43 PM

TW

*“ I met Carmella when I was 18 years old... I'm 63 now. From the first time I met Carmella I realize this was a very beautiful intelligent woman. Carmella's kindness for others was never ending and truly amazing.
She always made you Feel welcome And always had something great To eat.
I'll miss her laughter, her quick wit and always a kind word.*



Tobie and Randy Weiss - June 10, 2024 at 04:33 PM

JB

I got to meet Carmella when I was working for the City of Warren. Such a sweet lady. Turns out Carmella's family was from the same small town in Italy as my family, and my mom's name was also Carmella. We talked that day for a very long time. It was as if we had known each other our entire lives. Whenever I had business at the County, I would stop in and visit with Carmella. A delightful woman, Carmella was so welcoming and a real pleasure to spend time with. Sending prayers and condolences to the Sabaugh family.

Joann Beste - June 10, 2024 at 06:18 PM

SJ

*You were a great boss and a wonderful friend! I always knew that you loved me. Thank you for the beautiful memories, good times and especially all that you did for me and my family. I loved you like a mom! I will miss you.
Very Sincerely.....Sallyjo Belanger (Jerry too!)*

Sally & Jerry - June 12, 2024 at 09:49 PM

SA

One more thing...thank you for the birthday balloon.

Sally - June 12, 2024 at 09:50 PM

BB

Having known the Sabaugh Family over many many years I always looked forward to being greeted by Mrs. Sabaugh's smile and warm personality whenever we met.

A woman who paved the way for others and was well ahead of her time in serving the public in any of her many capacities.

May the good Lord provide comfort to the entire Sabaugh Family and friends during this most difficult time and may God bless Carmella.

Bob Bonkowski - June 14, 2024 at 03:58 PM