



## Frank Carmine Sabatini

October 24, 2021

Frank Carmine Sabatini, born in 1932, 89 years of age, passed away Sunday, October 24th, 2021, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. He was surrounded by family at his home in Topeka, Kansas.

Sabatini was born in Chicago, Illinois, a first-generation Italian American. He was the youngest of three children born to Carmine and Lisetta Sabatini. He was a man who loved his faith, his family and his community.

After graduating from Chicago's Tilden Tech High School, he earned a football scholarship which brought him to the University of Kansas. He graduated from KU with a B.S. degree in Industrial Management and a Juris Doctorate. In 1954, Sabatini married Alice Chandler and raised four sons, Marcus, Matthew, Michael, and Daniel. Of all his accomplishments, being a father and grandfather was what made him most proud. Alice died in 1997.

Frank was a successful and recognized community leader and businessman. He began his career as a law clerk for Harry W. Colmery. His practice of law led to other ventures. He served on the Kansas Legislature from 1970-71, was a trustee for KU Endowment and appointed Chair in 1994 for the Kansas Board of Regents.

He opened his first Pizza Hut franchise in 1964 which led to additional locations throughout the south. He was a director of Fidelity State Bank & Trust Co. in Topeka until purchasing Capital City Bank & Trust from Georgia Neese Gray in 1979. He grew the community bank to include 11 regional locations before merging with Capital Federal in 2018.

Frank served on countless boards and committees, always willing to give time, treasure and talent to organizations that made a positive impact on people and the community. He served with love, could see potential in people, and worked tirelessly to develop that potential.

He believed that community service was important in fundraising for charities including Let's Help, Cornerstone and Topeka Rescue Mission. Frank served in the Kansas Legislature and believed strongly in educational opportunities by supporting Washburn University and the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library.

In addition to his public service, he truly lived his faith. As the St. Lawrence Catholic Center at KU was beginning to grow, Fr. Vince Krische invited Frank, Alice, and Otto Schnellbacher to help garner financial support to build a new church adjacent to the KU campus. The group toured the state of Kansas raising money for the center, eventually raising enough to fund the construction of the beautiful chapel that stands at the corner of 15th Street and Engel Road in Lawrence.

Although he gave his time freely, his family came first. Raising four boys in the 1960s gave rise to countless family stories. Despite the shenanigans, he taught his boys to work hard, give freely and do the right thing. He was a role model as a citizen and as a father.

Frank married Judith Lennox Sabatini in 1998. They shared their love for the

arts, education and were active serving their community. Together they traveled, exploring arts, food and cultures wherever they went. Judith was a devoted wife and partner for 23 years.

Frank is preceded in death by his parents, sister Florine, wife Alice, and son Frank Marcus. He is survived by his wife, Judith; children, Matthew (Denise Sabatini), Topeka, Michael (Cynthia Sabatini), Leawood, Daniel (Nicole Sabatini), Lawrence; daughter-in-law Colleen Sabatini, Topeka; stepchildren, Andrea (Trent) Grens, Glen Ellyn, IL, James Hopson, Los Angeles, CA; grandchildren, Kyle (Nikki) Sabatini, Howard, CO, Mara Sabatini, Milwaukee, WI, Caitlin Sabatini, Denver, CO, Anna Sabatini, New York, NY, Mary (Jonah Heng) Sabatini, Overland Park KS, Anne Marie Sabatini, Denton, TX, Maya, Elijah, and Geneva Sabatini, Lawrence KS, Joseph Barkhurst, Valley Falls; as well as his sister, Nella; nieces, nephews and countless friends.

Services will be Saturday, October 30, 2021, at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2700 SE Virginia Ave, Topeka, KS 66605. The Rosary will be prayed at 9:00 a.m. followed by visitation at 9:30 and Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 11 a.m. A private burial ceremony will follow for the family. Masks are required.

Mass will be live streamed on the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to, the KU Sabatini Family Multicultural Center, the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center, the Alice C. Sabatini Art Gallery or the Judith Lennox Sabatini Art Lab at the Mulvane Art Center at Washburn University and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Rosary

OCT 30. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
2700 SE Virginia Ave  
Topeka, KS 66605

## Visitation

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank Carmine Sabatini*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - October 27, 2021 at 03:28 PM

KE

*Judith and family,*

*My condolences to you all for your loss of Frank. I truly enjoyed getting to know him and the conversations we had over the years. Sending prayers!!*

*Kelli Eisermann*

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**Kelli Eisermann** - October 27, 2021 at 09:52 PM

KC

*Judith: Such a wonderful man who gave so much to his community and family and can now rest in peace. Many prayers. Kay Craig*

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**Karen Craig** - October 29, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Frank Carmine Sabatini



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - October 26, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ Frank Carmine Sabatini

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Frank was one of the kindest and most caring person I have ever known in Topeka. His generous donations to many charities, especially the Topeka YMCA, benefited so many families and made a significant difference in their lives. Frank will be missed by so many people and his stature and reputation will stand as an example to us all of a man who was a giver, not a taker. God speed Frank.

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**John Minnick** - November 02, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ <https://youtu.be/GWFucSUNsmA>

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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - November 01, 2021 at 02:12 PM

DP

“ Judith and Family, we are so sorry to hear about Frank. Frank was so sweet to me the year that I was a young and uncertain president of the Amerita Club! You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time.

*Debbie Parks and family and the Amerita Club~*

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**Debbie Parks** - November 01, 2021 at 11:03 AM

PM

“ What a great fellow! Proud of Frank and pleased to have known him.

*Pete Martin - K.U. Law '57*

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**Pete Martin** - October 30, 2021 at 11:19 AM

KK

“ Karla Koci purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Frank Carmine Sabatini.



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**Karla Koci** - October 29, 2021 at 03:05 PM

LT

“ So very sorry, Judith. He was a great man. A loss not only for you and family but KU, Topeka, Kansas.

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**Larry Tenopir** - October 28, 2021 at 07:22 PM

PK

“ Pam and Bob Kobbeman purchased the *With Distinction* for the family of Frank Carmine Sabatini.



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**Pam and Bob Kobbeman** - October 28, 2021 at 03:19 PM

CB

“ Capitol Federal Savings Bank purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Frank Carmine Sabatini.



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**Capitol Federal Savings Bank** - October 28, 2021 at 03:14 PM

TC

“ The members of Lakeshore Swim Club purchased the *Beautiful Dreams* for the family of Frank Carmine Sabatini.



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**The members of Lakeshore Swim Club** - October 28, 2021 at 02:07 PM

LV

“ *Condolences to the Sabatini Family RIP Frank*

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**Lavon J. Vossen** - October 28, 2021 at 12:46 PM

MS

“ Matt, Mike and Dan,  
I was saddened to hear that Frank had died. I have so many fond memories of the times that my dad Otto, Frank, Alice and Vince would end up at my folks home after one of there many road trips across Kansas and tell stories of the people they encountered along the way. Our dads would keep each other in check as they told the stories so one wouldn't out do the other! They would all laugh till they cried. Its a sad time, but keep in your heart the joy of your parents being together again. Your dad will be missed.  
Love, Mary T Schnellbacher-Decker

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**Mary T Schnellbacher-Decker** - October 28, 2021 at 10:40 AM

SH

“ I haven't heard his name in many years but I remember him well. I was 19 and working as a steno clerk in the Kansas Corporation Motor Carrier court where Mr. Sabatini appeared frequently. He was a great lawyer and a very kind person. I'm sorry to hear of his passing. Sharon Woolsoncroft Hughes

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**Sharon Hughed** - October 27, 2021 at 09:34 PM

MS

“ I always saw Frank as a determined businessman that wanted the best for everyone whether that be employees or customers. He was firm but fair in my dealings with him and I very much enjoyed my 8 years spent working with him at Capital City Bank. I pray for all the Sabatini family that your current heartache will turn to fond memories and values that he instilled. May the peace and grace of Christ carry you all through this time.  
Mick & Susan Streff - Tucson, AZ

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**Mick Streff** - October 27, 2021 at 03:24 PM

AA

“ To the family of Frank Sabatini, may your memories ease your hearts of sadness. Mr. Sabatini embraced all who crossed paths with him. He was genuine, a true gentleman and we are blessed to have known him. Godspeed sir, Paradise awaits you.

*Keeping your family close in prayer.*

*Adrian & Tish (Padilla) Alcala*

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**Adrian & Tish (Padilla) Alcala** - October 27, 2021 at 12:07 PM

SB

“ To Judith and all of the Sabatini family: We were sorry to hear of Frank's passing. We have warm memories of Frank from the times we were fortunate enough to spend time with him. His impact on our community was so significant. May his memory be a blessing! Steve & Derie Briman

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**Steve Briman** - October 27, 2021 at 11:29 AM

CI

“ To the Sabatini Family,  
So sorry to hear about Frank's passing. Sending condolences and sympathy to all of Frank's family. I always enjoyed Frank and he will be missed greatly in this community. He was always gracioso, giving, and did so many positive things in his life to Topeka and friends. Hugs to Judith and all family members. Cindy Irigonegaray

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**Cynthia Irigonegaray** - October 27, 2021 at 08:55 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Carmine Sabatini.*



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October 26, 2021 at 07:45 PM



“ *Frank was a friend to everyone.....I will miss my good friend.....God Bless Frank Sabatini,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,*

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**dan lykins** - October 26, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ *Praying God will bless you all with strength as you say goodbye to your Dad. Mr Sabatini was such a good man. Many memories of him. Sending our love and prayers to all your family. Felipe & Jackie Rangel*

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**Felipe Rangel** - October 26, 2021 at 12:27 PM