



Sabrina Celestine Fodera

March 14, 1960 - November 22, 2025

Sabrina Celestine Fodera (née Knoppe), age 65, of Royal Oak, passed away on November 22, 2025. She will be warmly remembered for her natural beauty, kind spirit, friendliness, and her inquisitive, adventurous and spontaneous ways. Sabrina was always the thoughtful one, remembering everyone's birthday or anniversary. She possessed a beautiful captivating smile that truly lit up a room and had an engaging personality that naturally drew many people to her.

Born in Detroit on March 14, 1960, Sabrina grew up in Madison Heights, attending St. Mary Magdalene Grade School and graduating from Madison High School.

Sabrina began her career working as part of a co-op in the water department for the City of Madison Heights, where she performed key punch operations. She later became a bank teller at Wayne Oakland Bank, a job she cherished as it was there that she met her future husband, John. After taking time off to raise her children, she returned to banking at Fidelity Bank. In the years that followed she found fulfillment as a dedicated caregiver for two different individuals.

A true creative spirit, Sabrina was a gourmet cook who prepared dinners for her family with a passion. She possessed a huge green thumb, cultivating a

garden that produced many types of vegetables and fruits, including her grapevine and rhubarb. Sabrina's yards were an impressive display of continuously blooming flowers of all types and many planted trees, including oak, ash, maple, two magnolias, lilac and evergreens.

Sabrina embraced the outdoors, especially enjoying camping with the camper she and John shared. She always looked forward to eating many, many marshmallows by the campfire. She loved hiking, often venturing off the beaten path, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula to seek out hidden waterfalls. A lover of travel, she visited Mexico often and fulfilled a bucket list trip to Europe and New York provided by her two daughters. Sabrina also went on many trips to Florida with her Mom and sometimes with her Dad in tow. During her many trips to Mexico, she found joy in swimming and snorkeling in the clear waters of the Riviera Maya and Cozumel. Sabrina was known for getting dressed up every night for dinner and peacefully watching the sunrise each morning, no matter how late she stayed up the night before. She enjoyed good food and had a very diverse palate.

Her interests were also diverse; she enjoyed dancing, attending plays, many concerts, and the symphony. Sabrina enjoyed spending long hours visiting various museums. Train trips to Chicago were frequent. Possessing a keen sense of fashion and a flair for style, Sabrina was an avid smart shopper, spending countless shopping hours with her mom. She enjoyed an average of 50 bike rides a year with her husband. Together they watched late night movies weekly while she consumed her fair share of popcorn. Sabrina was always up to date on current and political events. She was extremely generous with charitable donations of many causes. Above all, Sabrina loved spending time with her large family and friends, and cherished being a grandmother.

Sabrina will be remembered as the beloved wife of 45 years to John Gerard

Fodera. Loving mother of Andrea Michele Pack, Derrick Alexander Fodera, and Barbara (Menachem) Glazer. Dear daughter of Barbara Jean and the late George Leo Knoppe. Proud grandmother of Gabrielle, Evelyn, and Griffin Pack, and Avraham Glazer. Dear sister of George (Robin) Knoppe, Thomas Knoppe, Michele McLauchlan, Corinne (Christopher) Bilkie, and the late Joseph Knoppe. Loving sister-in-law to Samuel (Christine) Fodera, RoseAnn Fodera, Mary (Michael) Donaghue, William (Heidi) Fodera, Theresa (Mark) Zbozien, Nancy Gerich, Michael (Susan), and (late) Paul. Proud aunt of Benjamin, Lillian, Brittany, Caitlan, Tom, Shawn, Audrey, Hannah, Emily, Grace, Jeffrey, Addy, Joe, and AnnMarie, KateLynn, Jason, Jeff, Michael, Christopher, Amanda, Daniel, Jamila, the late Melanie, Johnny, Drew, Kyle, Isabel, Joshua, Seth, Chase, the late Angelina, and Preston . Further survived by many close cousins, great nieces and nephews and in-laws

Visitation for Sabrina will be held on Sunday, November 30th, from 3 - 8 p.m. (Scripture Service and Sharing of Memories at 6:00 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. The Scripture Service and Sharing of Memories will be livestreamed at <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTc2Mzk0NDE4NDM4OTk3NiZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>.

A Funeral Mass for Sabrina will be celebrated on Monday, December 1st at 10:00 a.m. (visitation 9:30) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Interment will follow at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.

In lieu of flowers, if you would like to make a contribution in honor or Sabrina, please consider a donation to ALS of Michigan: www.alsofmichigan.org.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Scripture Service & Sharing of Memories

NOV 30. 6:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Funeral Mass

DEC 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Sabrina Celestine Fodera*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - November 23, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - November 30, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ *The Ruhlmann Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.*

The Ruhlmann Family - November 29, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.*



November 29, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ *Gregory Johnson purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.*



Gregory Johnson - November 29, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ *With Love Jim McLauchlan purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.*



With Love Jim McLauchlan - November 29, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ *Love Maureen & Mike Hill and family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.*



Love Maureen & Mike Hill and family - November 29, 2025 at 09:25 AM

LF

“ Love Maureen & Mike Hill and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.

Love Maureen & Mike Hill and family - November 29, 2025 at 09:25 AM

TF

“ The Lynch Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.

The Lynch Family - November 27, 2025 at 01:49 PM

TF

“ The Lynch Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.



The Lynch Family - November 27, 2025 at 01:49 PM

CH

“ Chuck & Ann Hill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.



Chuck & Ann Hill - November 27, 2025 at 12:20 PM

EB

“ Edward J Bednar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.

Edward J Bednar - November 27, 2025 at 11:58 AM

EB

“ Edward J Bednar purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.



Edward J Bednar - November 27, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Garden Accent - "Those we love don't go away..." was purchased for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.



November 26, 2025 at 06:47 PM

WJ

“ With very much love from Sue and Jenny. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.

With very much love from Sue and Jenny. - November 26, 2025 at 06:47 PM

TF

“ Todd F. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.



Todd F. - November 26, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JB

“ Judith Bilkie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.



Judith Bilkie - November 26, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.



November 26, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.



November 25, 2025 at 02:08 PM

YB

“ Your loving daughters, Andrea & Barbara purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.



Your loving daughters, Andrea & Barbara - November 25, 2025 at 12:00 PM

GH

“ Gabby Evelyn Griffin Avi Lilah Hannah purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.



Gabby Evelyn Griffin Avi Lilah Hannah - November 25, 2025 at 11:50 AM

EK

“ Deepest condolences to the Fodera family on the loss of Sabrina. We remember you from Royal Oak soccer days.

Ellen Kehoe - November 24, 2025 at 07:10 PM

BS

“ BUD SHEWELL. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.



BUD SHEWELL. - November 24, 2025 at 06:23 PM

SM

“ Sincerest sympathy, Carolyn McLauchlan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.

Sincerest sympathy, Carolyn McLauchlan - November 24, 2025 at 03:20 PM

SM

“ Sincerest sympathy, Carolyn McLauchlan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sabrina Celestine Fodera.



Sincerest sympathy, Carolyn McLauchlan - November 24, 2025 at 03:20 PM

SF

“ My cousin- 2 weeks older than myself. What a loss! Sabrina had such an exuberant unbridled genuine laugh! She's the only person I've ever known who brought laughter to life! She'll be missed by all 🥹🙏❤️

Sandi Forster - November 24, 2025 at 09:28 AM

SC

“ I will always remember her kind spirit and infectious laugh and smile! Definitely one to remember ❤️! Love and Hugs being sent for comfort and strength for all whose lives she's touched! RIH cousin 🥹

Sheila Gagnon/ cousin - November 24, 2025 at 09:03 AM