



## Kevin J. Sabella

March 7, 2024

Kevin J. Sabella, 77, of River Edge, formerly of Paramus, NJ., passed away peacefully on March 7th, surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of 53 years to Carolyn (nee; O'Brien). Devoted father of Coleen (Todd) Bejot, Christine (Mike) Ross, and Kevin P. Sabella. Dear brother of Gerard, Richard, and Janice. Loving grandfather of Kiley and Shane Bejot, Jordan and Reagan Sabella, and Isabella and Gavin Ross.

Kevin was a dedicated teacher and guidance counselor for the Paramus Board of Education for 43 years and member of the River Dell Board of Education for 13 years before retiring. He was also a proud coach for the River Edge Little League, River Edge Girls Athletic League, River Edge Street Hockey League, Paramus Boys Soccer, and River Dell Ice Hockey. He will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Family and friends are invited to visit on Monday, March 11th from 4-8pm at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Road. Oradell, NJ. Funeral service to be held on Tuesday, March 12th at 11am, from Volk Leber Funeral Home, then to St. Peter's Church, River Edge, NJ, for a Mass of Christian Burial at 12pm. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital would be greatly appreciated by the family. For more information and to visit Kevin's

tribute page, please visit [www.vokleber.com](http://www.vokleber.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Private

268 Kinderkamack Road  
Oradell, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Oradell  
268 Kinderkamack Rd.  
Oradell, NJ 07649  
(201) 261-1088  
info@volkleber.com  
<https://www.volkleber.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter the Apostle  
445 5th Avenue  
River Edge, NJ 07661

# Tribute Wall

BO

“ I remember Mr Kev as a gentle soul who always had a kind word and a warm smile. As his caregiver, I witnessed his resilience and determination firsthand. He taught me the power of laughter in the face of adversity and showed me the importance of cherishing every moment. Though he may be gone, his spirit lives on in the memories we shared, and I will forever be grateful for the privilege of caring for him. Rest in peace

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**Bolarh** - March 12, 2024 at 08:55 AM

JL

“ Coach Sabella was such a positive influence in my life. He and a few other River Edge parents started a street hockey league that was second to none and a 100 kids had some of the most memorable experiences ever playing in that league.

Coach Sabella was one of the great ones and will be deeply missed. I have told so many people in the last week that I can only dream that one day some of the kids that I coach now will hold me in the same regard as I hold Coach Sabella.

Jason Lucey

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**Jason Lucey** - March 11, 2024 at 11:39 PM

MM

“ Oh Kevin We all have so many wonderful memories of you and your wonderful family. Now that you're in Heaven give John a Big Hug from me. We were Nextdoor neighbors forever and shared so many laughs, tears and good times. You will be missed, rest in peace my dear friend.

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**Maureen McCauley** - March 11, 2024 at 11:04 PM

JO

“ My sincerest condolences to Carolyn Sabella and family. You were my 8th grade teacher and cheering coach at OLV. I am so sorry for the loss of your husband. I remember going to your wedding. I have great memories of you and I pray you keep those memories of your beloved Kevin. Peace

Jo-Ellen Pflugh O'Keefe - March 11, 2024 at 03:53 PM

JL

“ Rest in Peace Kevin. Sincere condolences to the family for the loss of such a great guy. He was a positive influence to many and his BOE service was appreciated.

Jim Lake - March 11, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kevin J. Sabella.



March 11, 2024 at 09:33 AM

JF

“ John P. Holland Charter School Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin J. Sabella.

John P. Holland Charter School Family - March 11, 2024 at 09:33 AM

PF

“ *Pereira Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kevin J. Sabella.*



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**Pereira Family** - March 10, 2024 at 09:24 PM

PF

“ *Pereira Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin J. Sabella.*

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**Pereira Family** - March 10, 2024 at 09:24 PM

CH

“ *Kevin was the kind of colleague we all wish for: hardworking, honest, and supportive. Not only did he serve the students of Paramus High during my tenure there; he also challenged those of us in leadership roles to do right by them. May his memory be a blessing. Chrysa Hahn*

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**Chrystena Hahn** - March 10, 2024 at 02:49 PM

LG

“ *Love, The Boston University girls purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Kevin J. Sabella.*



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**Love, The Boston University girls** - March 10, 2024 at 01:53 PM

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**Love, The Boston University girls** - March 10, 2024 at 01:53 PM

HB

“ I was very lucky to have met Kevin many years ago when we were both coaching in Little League. We became very friendly through the years in the River Edge Street Hockey League coaching, officiating and even playing in the coaches games. Kevin got me to play soccer on his team when I had never played before. As our sons got to high school there were all the High School games that the boys played together. He was a wonderful coach and mentor to them. And of course we had the pleasure on numerous occasions to see our New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden. Rest in peace my friend.

*Henry Becker*

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**Henry Becker** - March 10, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ It is hard to believe that it is more than 50 years ago when I was a student at what was then East Brook Junior High (now East Brook Middle School). Miss O'Brien was a new teacher at East Brook. Mr. Sabella was a teacher there also. As students, we witnessed a beautiful, romantic love story between the two of them. As students, we would giggle when Mr. Sabella occasionally would call Miss O'Brien on the interoffice school phone. (No cell phones then). How did we know it was him? She would blush. We would giggle. At the end of that school year many of the students went to the church to see them get married. I can still remember how beautiful it was. Both were wonderful teachers and wonderful people. My condolences to the family. I still live in Paramus and pass East Brook every day. Both my sons attended East Brook and Paramus High School. Mary Ellen Hoffman (Doran).

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**Mary Ellen Doran** - March 10, 2024 at 10:30 AM

PP

“ Kevin all those years! Starting together at east brook with Danny P. All those memories. The east brook guys. Playing flag football against the freshmen team (ps we never lost!). Sunday morning touch football, basketball, tennis, hockey at Fritz D's late into the night, bowling, golf, chess tournaments/ we did it all. Rest in peace my dear friend. Save a spot for me at left end. Sadly. Peter Petriccione

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**Peter Petriccione** - March 09, 2024 at 07:34 PM

LT

“ RIP my neighborhood friend. I remember those days like they were yesterday. Thank you for always being there to help whenever needed. I often think of your brother Jerry and the good times we spent together. God bless both of you.

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**Larry Thorp** - March 09, 2024 at 06:37 PM

JE

“ I had so much fun with Kevin, playing soccer, coaching soccer and girls softball in River Edge. He was a great friend! Can't forget the vacation to LBI,

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**Jerry Esposito** - March 09, 2024 at 03:54 PM

EB

“ So very sorry to read this. Kevin was such a nice guy. My heartfelt condolences to Carolyn, whom I worked with for years at Stony Lane School, and her children. May God hold you all close during this difficult time. ❤️

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**Elayne Bland** - March 09, 2024 at 02:02 PM

PH

“ Always there to help with a smile on his face, so happy go lucky! A great guy who made sure kids and teachers alike had what they needed , Kevin will be missed by every family member and friend I'm sure. God Bless and keep you Kevin.... An old Paramus friend, Phyllis

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**Phyllis** - March 09, 2024 at 07:28 AM