



George K. Baughman

November 9, 1931 - June 7, 2024

Never one to be late to the party, Dad knew it was time to go, to be with his strawberry-blonde on their anniversary. George Keller Baughman Sr. died peacefully at home with his family by his side, on June 7, 2024.

George was born on November 9, 1931 to Mary Ellen Keller and Walter Palmer Trimbath Baughman I, in Detroit, Michigan. Along with his older brother, Walter, and sister, Nance, George played with neighborhood friends – including a cute little strawberry-blonde. Even though the family moved around the country, when they got back to Detroit, George found her again. Throughout school and despite the 155 miles separating Notre Dame University and Michigan Agricultural College, they were sweethearts. On June 12, 1954, George married that strawberry-blonde; and so he and Voila Videan started the next chapter of their life-long love story.

1954 was also an important year in his career, as along with his brother, George started Plastomer Corporation in Livonia. Called pioneers and innovators, the brothers brought something new to the US. The brothers were awarded the Polyurethane Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000, and were inducted into the Polyurethane Hall of Fame in 2004. 70 years later, the business is still going strong with 2nd and 3rd generation leadership.

Raising his family, being active in his Church and WG&CC, and enjoying sports, travel and friends, all brought joy to George's life. Over the years, he could be found in a fishing boat, on a ball field, tennis court or golf course. George and Vi took the family to Ronville Lodge on Lake of Bays, Ontario

every year for over 20 years, as well as traveled with friends and family often, and always brought something from each trip to add to the memories that filled their home. A home that always had animals in it too – Vi insisted and George never minded. He came to their marriage with a hellion of a cat, and over the years and many animals, walking the dog together was a wonderful way to spend an afternoon.

George was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, his beloved wife and an infant daughter, Kelle. He is survived by his daughter Lori (Dennis Gardner), and sons George Jr. (Raleigh) and Roger (Maria Koppinger); his grandchildren Kelly (Ben Schultheis), Amelia Gardner, Isadora Baughman, Fiona Baughman, Jasen Baughman and Tabby (Matt Maron); and his great-grandchildren Sophia, Colton and Isaak.

Visitation Tuesday, June 11, 3-8 PM with a Rosary at 7 PM, Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. In state, 9:30 AM followed by Funeral Mass at 10 AM on Wednesday June 12th at St. Valentine Catholic Church, 14841 Beech Daly Road, Redford Township, Michigan. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan.

Memorial contributions in memory of George may be made to: Make-A-Wish Michigan

20750 Civic Center Drive Suite 180 ,Southfield, Michigan 48076

The family would like to thank Immie, the wonderful team from Caregiving Experts and hospice nurse Tiffany, for the kindness they showed George while caring for him, and making his wish – to always be at home – come true. To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Rosary

JUN 11. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
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In state

JUN 12. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Valentine Catholic Church
14841 Beech Daly Road
Redford Charter Township, MI 48239

Funeral Mass

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Valentine Catholic Church
14841 Beech Daly Road
Redford Charter Township, MI 48239

Interment

JUN 12. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
25800 W. Ten Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Tribute Wall



“ Scott Gibson, Robert Gorecki, Kristie Barchock, Gayla Pociask, Cindy Hool, & Wendy McGovern planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George K. Baughman.

Scott Gibson, Robert Gorecki, Kristie Barchock, Gayla Pociask, Cindy Hool, & Wendy McGovern - June 11, 2024 at 12:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of George K. Baughman.



June 11, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of George K. Baughman.



June 11, 2024 at 09:45 AM



“ Florence Burns, Union Steward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George K. Baughman.

Florence Burns, Union Steward - June 11, 2024 at 08:29 AM

FS

“ Florence Burns, Union Steward purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George K. Baughman.



Florence Burns, Union Steward - June 11, 2024 at 08:29 AM

LL

“ Lisa and Kaitlyn Letherwood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George K. Baughman.

Lisa and Kaitlyn Letherwood - June 10, 2024 at 11:46 PM

AE

“ Adnan & Patti ElYafouri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George K. Baughman.

Adnan & Patti ElYafouri - June 10, 2024 at 03:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of George K. Baughman.



June 10, 2024 at 03:36 PM

LN

“ Love, Mary Ann Nelson & Colorado Nelson’ purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of George K. Baughman.



Love, Mary Ann Nelson & Colorado Nelson’ - June 10, 2024
at 02:44 PM

DG

“ I like many worked for Plastomer Corporation, I count myself fortunate to have had a career where such a kind man, Mr. Keller was one of the owners. Each year for a very long time Mrs. Baughman would send a Birthday card and a Christmas greeting. There were a few times where we saw Mrs Baughman as a volunteer at Beaumont Hospital. Times during my career we had personal loss and illness, not once did any Baughman family not show great concern. It was not hard to see and embrace the kind hearted nature of both Mrs. Baughman and Mr. Keller.

God grant the rest unto a couple that was meant to spend life and that of eternal life together 🕊

Blessings to the family and the Plastomer family.

Dale and Mary Pat GoodCourage

Dale GoodCourage - June 10, 2024 at 01:22 PM

KC

“ Karl Gust, John Tucker BASF Corporation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George K. Baughman.

Karl Gust, John Tucker BASF Corporation - June 10, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of George K. Baughman.



June 10, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George K. Baughman.



June 09, 2024 at 05:58 PM



“ The Girard Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George K. Baughman.

The Girard Family - June 09, 2024 at 05:58 PM



“ Mr. Keller was a kind man. Family and friends are in my prayers. R.I.P.

Joyce Stockwell - June 09, 2024 at 01:24 PM

FR

“ George and Vi were loyal customers to our restaurant. Later on when it was harder for them to dine in George would run out and pick up carryout for the two of them. One night I received a call from George telling me on his way home from the restaurant he thought he had taken a short cut across the lawn in the Arboretum and he wanted to let me know. He told me not to worry everything was hot and the food was good. LOL

RIP George

Frank and Maureen Yaquinto

FrankYaquinto - June 09, 2024 at 07:39 AM

IM

“ I was employed by the family as George’s overnight caregiver, He was one of my favorite client. We always joked around, had late night snacks or just sat down and did nothing .

He always had a smile on his face when I came in and left in the morning.

I recall the last time him and I interacted, we were sitting in the family room looking at family album, he would smile at some of the pictures, not knowing that would be the last time ☐. I will surely miss him.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Immie

immie - June 08, 2024 at 11:00 PM

BG

“ I worked under Mr. Keller for many years. What a great man. So polite and respectful.
So many great memories. I would pass him by in the front office up to his last days at work and there was always a great reply : Hello Mr. Gorecki ; how is Patti and the family?

May God Bless his Soul.

Bob and Pat Gorecki.

Bob Gorecki - June 08, 2024 at 03:12 PM

YF

“ Your RCP family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George K. Baughman.

Your RCP family - June 08, 2024 at 03:02 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of George K. Baughman.



June 08, 2024 at 03:02 PM

DG

“ I could not have asked for a nicer father-in-law as I had with George. He and Voila along with sons, George and Roger, welcomed me into the family when I married Lori. Although the world I lived in was quite different George took interest in what I did and occasionally asked my advice about their pets' health concerns or about the crops we were growing in our fields. There are too many to list here but there were the many events other than the traditional family get togethers that gave us great memories. From a Disney trip to guided fishing outings. There also was the annual Father's Day round of golf at Western which always cost me and him a few bucks to George and Roger. But yet he still had me paired with him each year. He was a generous person with a great sense of humor. I miss you George more than words can adequately express. Love, Dennis

Dennis Gardner - June 08, 2024 at 02:11 PM