



Sebastiano Caniglia

November 20, 1965 - December 24, 2021

Sebastiano "Seba" Caniglia, 56, of Holland, Ohio passed away suddenly surrounded by his family on December 24, 2021. He was born in Scordia, Sicily in November 1965 to Gina and Paolo Caniglia.

Seba was working at his parents' restaurant in Italy when Helene Stiebler stopped in while backpacking across Europe. Sparks flew and before long, Seba and Helene arrived in America and were married under a tree on the Anderson's property. He was quickly welcomed into her large extended family. Together Seba and Helene opened Pal's Ice Cream Shop in 1994, growing it to a full-fledged and extremely successful restaurant named Sebastiano's Italiano before selling the business 18 years later.

Seba's greatest passion was his family. His wife, Helene and his daughters were the reasons he worked so hard.

Seba was predeceased by his mother, Gina and Seba leaves behind his loving wife of 30 years and his beautiful daughters, Bianca Francesca (27) and Silvia Una (23) and Antonia (33), along with his father Paolo, his sister, Concetta, and grandchildren, Leonardo and Emily.

For those who feel comfortable and healthy may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Friday, December 31st from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We ask that all participants wear a mask and socially distance when

able. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to "Adaptive Sports Connection." This organization empowers children, adults and veterans with physical and cognitive challenges through sports and therapeutic outdoor recreation. This organization is close to Seba's heart as it combines his love of sports and his love of children. Please leave a condolence message on our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

JV

“ John VanderHooven purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.coylefuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Sebastiano Caniglia.

John VanderHooven - February 07, 2022 at 12:47 PM

FR

“ Helene, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.

Fritz - December 31, 2021 at 02:30 PM

MF

“ So sorry to hear. Always enjoyed the times together playing soccer. Plus it was so interesting to talk (about such as our both having Italian ancestry/family) during the days of taking turns driving from Holland to Oregon soccer. Thanks

Mike Fetcho - December 31, 2021 at 01:00 PM

MS

“ Dear Helane and family,
Our deepest condolences to you and everyone affected by this sudden loss. Seba was truly an amazing man and he will be profoundly missed. It was wonderful to get to know him over these last few years playing soccer. He cared deeply for others and was always a joy to be around. He was always so curious about how things were going with others and he was always quick to introduce himself and welcome new people into his life. Just a couple weeks ago was the last time I saw him as we played soccer on a muddy pitch. I'll always remember the little circle of mud on his forehead that he got from a headed goal. It stayed the whole game and I thought it was so funny and so did Seba. He really had a childlike appreciation and curiosity about the world that he never lost and inspired those whose lives he touched. I hope we all can do our best to keep this feeling in our hearts for Seba.

Bella ciao, Seba, you will be greatly missed.

Much love,

Matt and Erin and Townes Sackmann

Matt Sackmann - December 31, 2021 at 12:33 PM

JD

“ My sincere condolences to you Helane and to your family. Seba was the one who brought me in to playing soccer with the Saturday group and I can not thank him enough for that. I will miss him as will all the other players who have been his friend as well.

With love

Joe Dennehy

Joe Dennehy - December 31, 2021 at 11:56 AM

KA

“ Dear Helane and daughters,
We were so shocked and saddened by the news of Sebo's passing. We did not know him well, but that makes it even more impressive that he could leave such an impression on us. We remember him as a kind and gentle man, with a generous smile and very warm personality. Truly a loss, and we are so very sorry.

We would have loved to attend his service today, but we have sickness in the house, and we don't dare risk spreading it. Know that if we could, we would give you a nice big hug, and personally offer any assistance you may need. Feel free to reach out. In the meantime, we will pray for your family. Our hearts go out to you.

Love,
Kim & Bob Anderson

Kim Anderson - December 31, 2021 at 09:31 AM

KA

so sorry! Mistype! SEBA, not Sebo.

Kim Anderson - December 31, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sebastiano Caniglia.



December 30, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ I am a friend of Bianca's and I wanted to send my condolences for the untimely loss of Sebastiano Caniglia. I made a donation in his honor to Adaptive Sports Connection. Although I did not know Sabastiano, reading about him in these tribute postings he sounds like a wonderful person and I am deeply sorry for your loss of a beloved father and member of the community.

Bianca and his whole family and loved ones will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Olnek

Madeleine Olnek - December 30, 2021 at 07:41 PM

MH

“ *My Friend,
Heartbroken, shock and disbelief when I heard the terrible news,
you and your family deserved so much more time with each other.*

Sweet memories of all those years playing soccer together, cooking together, even cooking for an event together and lots of espresso at the restaurant on my breaks. I always had a high level of respect for you and your family the hustle of running a restaurant and a family. Helane and you worked so hard and raising the girls, I take my hat of to you both my friend. Any Chef can tell you, to cook on one 6 burner stove and a small pizza oven for the entire restaurant is a true CHEF.

Many times I have enjoyed your warmth, honesty and humor when we were together, either at the soccer field, restaurant and your family home. You always light up when you talked about your family, such a proud father.

My absolute condolences and strength to you Helane, Silvia, Bianca and the rest of family and friends.

*Veels te vroeg,
als mijn tijd komt zullen weer samen zijn, een potje voetballen en
over het restaurant leven kletsen.*

riposa in pace amico mio

Marcel and Fam.

Marcel Hesseling - December 30, 2021 at 07:38 PM

AN

“ Farewell Seba, a truly sad day! Thoughts and prayers from my family to yours for strength to overcome. May God bless you and keep you. So glad our ships crossed in our journey through life. You from Italy and me from a small Greek Island. What are the odds of us meeting here in the Toledo area. Always fun playing soccer with you or against you. Smooth sailing for your journey to eternal life with tail wind, Mediterranean sea light blue skies and dark blue seas. Fond memories to last me a lifetime including conversations of our backgrounds and jokes about Greeks and Italians. Remember, Italians are Greeks want to be. They came, conquered and stole our Gods. Then they changed the Gods names. Me being from the island of Aphrodite calling it Venus, really? You and your family are some of the nicest people I have ever met, got to know and become good friends. Miss you already my friend. God Bless, Andreas

Andreas - December 30, 2021 at 06:42 PM

CP

Dear Sebastiano, we met only a few years ago but we had a good time together over the years. We played together and again each other we had a lot of laughs at Paul's backyard and enjoyed the bantering that went along as good friends do. The big man will have a golden soccer ball waiting for you at the gates, and you will be able to play soccer (Calcio per noi italiani) with the best soccer players. Farewell my friend.

Carlo Pocino - December 30, 2021 at 07:32 PM

LC

“ We are so saddened by the loss of our cousin, Sebastiano. We will have always hold memories in our hearts of the times we shared with you and Sebastiano over the years. Our heart felt sentiments go out to you. May he rest in peace and may our memories of him live long in our hearts. Our deepest sympathies, Lucy (Marchisello), Brian and Christine Cerson

Lucy Cerson - December 29, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sebastiano Caniglia.*



December 29, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Sebastiano. We wish you the best at this difficult time. Take Care!!*

Sincerely - Bob (Brianna Laney's Dad) and Robyn Laney

Bob Laney - December 29, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family through this difficult time.*

Felippo Marchisello - December 28, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ *I was saddened to hear of your loss. My deepest and sincerest condolences to your family. With Love, Frank Marchisello.*

Frank Marchisello - December 28, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ *I have wonderful memories of when with my parents and my sisters we spent Sundays with cousins in Florence. Those moments remained in my heart. My thoughts go to you Nello who looks at us from heaven. A big hug to your family. Sabrina Paolo Luca e Elena*

Sabrina Santone - December 28, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *Light Blue Open Rose with White Mum (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Sebastiano Caniglia.*



December 28, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences for the loss of our nephew Nello, our hearts are with you all. With love from Zia Maria & Zio Sebastiano Marchisello*

Marchisello Family - December 28, 2021 at 01:26 PM



*We are truly saddened by Nello's sad and sudden news. His memory will remain in our hearts.
We embrace you, with affection
Aunt Teresa and Elisabetta (from Bologna)*

Elisabetta - December 28, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ *We're so sad to hear of the loss of our cousin Sebastiano, we fondly remember the good memories we have together. Our hearts are with you all as we send our sincere condolences. With love Liz, Mike and Simon Pires*



Elizabeth Pires - December 28, 2021 at 01:22 PM

SG

“ Sweetest Lanie, Bianca, and Silvia, you are surrounded by so much love and support; please allow us all to soften this horrible blow and lean on all of us who adored Seba and adore you 3!
Sog, Ted, Francie, Ande and Ren

Sarah Gradel - December 28, 2021 at 12:05 PM

WA

“ Helane,

Liz and I are so shocked and saddened about Seba. He was such a warm, sensitive soul. What a hardworking, great husband, father and friend he was! He will be so sorely missed. You and your beautiful family will be in our hearts and prayers. Let us know if there's anything we can do for you. Take comfort in the belief that we WILL see him again.

Grax

William Ignatius Anderson - December 28, 2021 at 10:54 AM

AS

“ We have many memories of us cousins together: first as children, then as teenager. Years passed and we parted ways, but you were always in my heart. Now you suddenly left! This news has saddened us a lot. We close to you, Helane and to your daughters.
With love,
Alba, Roberto, Martina, Simone and Eleonora (from Boloogna)

Alba Santone - December 28, 2021 at 10:35 AM

TR

“ *Shocked and deeply sad, we remember the many Sundays spent with you, Sebastiano, together with our families in Florence and Livorno. My thoughts now are for you, Helene, and your entire family. A hug from the bottom of our hearts.*

Tiziano, Aunt Nelly and family

Tiziano Rosselli - December 28, 2021 at 09:19 AM

MM

“ *So sorry to hear this. My cousin was a very nice person. Condolences to all the family*

Marcello Moscato - December 28, 2021 at 09:00 AM

GF

“ *So sorry to hear of Seba's passing. Always enjoyed sitting at the bar, watching him with those flaming pans, and hearing his stories! My son's first love, his lasagna! Our deepest sympathy. Gayle, Greg, & Gerik*

Gayle Flaczynski - December 28, 2021 at 07:57 AM

JS

“ *From all those MCO students whom he served over the years.*



Jimmy Stewart - December 28, 2021 at 07:49 AM

SC

Sentite condoglianze 😞😭

Sebastiano caniglia - December 28, 2021 at 11:59 AM

KW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Seba’s passing! We were frequent visitors at Pals & at Sebastiano’s for so many years; it felt like family when we visited....sometimes daily. I have fond memories of the Focaccia chicken sandwich with pesto mayo, as it cured my pregnancy cravings through both kids. He always greeted with a smile & made with love.

Helene, pleased reach out if you need anything!

Katie Ewert Williamson - December 28, 2021 at 07:35 AM

CB

“ So saddened to hear of this. Many fond memories of playing music at Sebastiano's and getting to know Seba and Helene. My deepest condolences.

Chris Buzzelli - December 28, 2021 at 04:08 AM

FI

“ Filippo lit a candle in memory of Sebastiano Caniglia



Filippo - December 28, 2021 at 02:37 AM

AM

“ We were shocked and extremely saddened to hear about the sudden loss of our cousin Nello. We always looked forward to and enjoyed the times spent with him and his family when they would visit us here in Toronto.

Helene, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Your cousins Rocco, Angela, Claudia and Victoria

Angela Marchisello - December 27, 2021 at 09:28 PM

LH

“ Seba would come out on wednesday nights and scrimmage with the other "old guys" against our girls soccer team. He was always so happy and fun to play with and we learned alot from him. He will be deeply missed. Love and prayers to the family

Lydia Holland - December 27, 2021 at 07:58 PM

MT

“ How awful and shocking, this loss for all grieving Sebastiano. Last May, it was truly a pleasure to see him again--the perfect host. In sympathy, I will pray for your family.
--Mary Thornton

Mary Thornton - December 27, 2021 at 07:50 PM

KR

“ So sad for your family. We met Seba a few times throughout his restaurant career in Ohio, as he was always so friendly and accommodating, like a true Italian. We have good memories of family dinners at his restaurant when we were in town. I remember my mom, Donna, loved to go to Seba's restaurant and often bragged about him. He was such a great guy and will be missed.

Tony & Kathy Rizzo

Kathy Rizzo - December 27, 2021 at 07:03 PM

TO

“ I remember when I was in College going to PALS Ice Cream. He was a great business owner and loved the customer.

Tom - December 27, 2021 at 06:54 PM

SO

“ So sorry for your loss. My late father Gary Sebastiano was so excited to visit the restaurant many many years ago and meet the owner since our last name is Sebastiano. He told my dad some great stories. Again, very sorry for your loss

sandy Sebastiano- Ostrosky - December 27, 2021 at 05:32 PM

DI

“ I'm soo sad to hear of his passing. We loved Sebastiano's and enjoyed getting to know him and Helene and hearing about the girls. Our deeoos5 sympathies and prayers to all.

Diane - December 27, 2021 at 05:06 PM

CW

“ *My very first boss. Seba shaped the person I am today. Thank you for instilling great work ethic and welcoming me into your lovely family. You will be greatly missed.*

Christina Williams - December 27, 2021 at 04:51 PM

KO

“ *My heart breaks for those he loved and all who loved him. May he rest in peace and may his family be comforted by all the wonderful memories. He lived a beautiful life.*

Kate Oatis - December 27, 2021 at 04:42 PM

CL

“ *Our family is thinking of you at this most difficult time, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers, we wish we could be with you Helene and the family right now, we are so sorry for your loss. Our sincere condolences to you and your family. May Nello rest peacefully, he will always be in our family's hearts.*



Cettina, Art, Stephanie, Ashley and Anthony Liddiard

Connie Liddiard - December 27, 2021 at 03:51 PM

JS

“ *You and Helene will forever be a part of our lives. Thank you for your guidance over the years, and we will do our best to honor your name which adorns the front of our restaurant - Sebastiano's Italiano. Thank you, Seba. -Jon and Sarah*

Jonathan Sagaser - December 27, 2021 at 03:41 PM

KA

“ *We loved Pal's ice cream. We used to take our son into Sebastiano's restaurant and he always rembered us. He was a very kind man. So sorry for your loss.*

Kristine Anguiano - December 27, 2021 at 03:38 PM