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## JIMMY CARTER FUNERAL

# CARTER LAUDED FOR HUMILITY, SERVICE



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**Clockwise from above:** The casket of former President Jimmy Carter is pictured during a state funeral at the National Cathedral, Thursday, in Washington. President Joe Biden touches the casket of former President Jimmy Carter during a state funeral service. Ted Mondale, son of the late former Vice President Walter Mondale, speaks a tribute written by his father. Grandson Jason Carter, walks by and touches the flag-draped casket of former President Jimmy Carter, after speaking a tribute. Jack Carter, right, and his wife Liz react during the state funeral.



## 39th president celebrated during funeral in Washington before returning to Georgia

By Bill Barrow and Chris Megerian  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** » Jimmy Carter was celebrated Thursday for his personal humility and public service before, during and after his presidency during a funeral at Washington National Cathedral featuring the kind of pageantry the 39th U.S. president typically eschewed.

All of Carter's living successors were in attendance, with President Joe Biden, the first sitting senator to endorse his 1976 run for the White House, delivering a eulogy. Biden and others took turns praising Carter's record — which many historians have appraised more favorably since losing his bid for a second term in 1980 — and extolling his character.

"He built houses for people who needed homes," said Joshua Carter, a grandson  
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## From Carter's funeral, an American snapshot

One image, 5 presidents, 379 years of history

By Ted Anthony  
The Associated Press

Look at their faces — formal, etched with experience, laden with the weight of momentous decisions. Add up their years: 379 to be exact, enough time to take you back into the mid-1600s, when the notion of the American nation was still more than a century away.

Consider why they were there: to bid farewell to a member of their fraternity who was the last of his generation and whose own  
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Front row, from left, President Joe Biden, first lady Jill Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and second gentleman Doug Emhoff and second row from left, former President Bill Clinton, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former President George W. Bush, Laura Bush, former President Barack Obama, President-elect Donald Trump and Melania Trump, stand during the state funeral for former President Jimmy Carter at Washington National Cathedral in Washington, Thursday.

## ROSEVILLE

# Missing woman's mother believes she is dead

## Ex-boyfriend charged with lying to police as investigation continues

By Mitch Hotts and Jameson Cook  
MediaNews Group

The mother of a missing Warren woman said her ex-boyfriend had been stalking her in the days and weeks before she went missing and she now believes her daughter is deceased.

Monika Elkins spoke to the media Thursday morning following the arraignment of DeAndre Howard Booker, 32, of Roseville, before Judge Alyia Hakim of 39th District Court on a charge of lying to police in connection with the 30-year-old's disappearance. Ashley Elkins, the mother of two sons, was last seen leaving her home by her family about 8:30 a.m. Jan. 2 and was known to be at Booker's apartment complex that afternoon, police said.

Booker, who appeared remotely via video, is being held in the Macomb County Jail in lieu of a \$250,000 cash or surety bond and faces a Jan. 22 probable-cause conference in front of 39th District Court Judge Joseph Boedeker.

The arrest came one day after police raided Booker's residence in Hampton Court Apartments near Frazho Road and Gratiot Avenue. Investigators also located Elkins' car about two miles away near 13 Mile Road and Little Mack Avenue.

The couple broke up in September after dating about a year.

"A friend of hers said she felt like somebody was always following her in her car" since then, Monika Elkins said.

When asked why her daughter broke up with him, she said they discovered Booker had cre-

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## MOUNT CLEMENS

# Joe Sabatini elected chair of county board

## He replaces Don Brown, who resigned last month

By Jameson Cook  
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Joe Sabatini, a Macomb Township Republican, was unanimously elected Thursday as the chair of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners by his peers.

Sabatini, 48, who previously served as chair of the Finance, Audit, Budget Committee, takes over the post to guide the Republican-controlled board and oversee the day-to-day operations and its staff for the next four years. Commissioners for the first time are not serving two year terms.

The board, long dominated by Democrats, has an 8-5 GOP majority.

His election at the board's organizational meeting in the county Administration Building in Mount Clemens was not surprising and generated no discussion among commissioners prior to the vote. He was seen as the most logical choice to take over the post held the past four years by long-time Republican commissioner Don Brown of Washington Township, who shocked county  
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