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## Former CDTA CEO Carm Basile Passes Away

### Description

Carm Basile, the former CEO of the Capital District Transportation Authority, died on Thursday. He was 69 years old.

Basile died from medical problems after surgery. This information came from Jayme Lahut, the chairman of the CDTA Board of Directors. He retired in December 2021 after working for 43 years. Many people knew him well in the area. They remember him as a friendly and helpful person.

Basile worked hard to improve bus services. He led the CDTA through challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic. His efforts helped make bus transport better for everyone. Many people in the community praised his work. They said he was dedicated to serving the public.

He began his career at CDTA as a transportation planner in 1981. Over the years, he rose through the ranks. In 2009, he became the CEO. He introduced new services, like electric buses, which reduce pollution. Basile will be remembered for his kindness and leadership. He lived in Colonie with his wife, Sheila, and their two sons.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **surgery** //ˈsɜːdʒəri// (noun): an operation to treat a health problem
2. **chairman** //ˈtʃeɪrmən// (noun): person who leads a group or meeting
3. **retired** //rɪˈtaɪrd// (verb): stopped working after many years of work
4. **pandemic** //pænˈdɛmɪk// (noun): a disease outbreak that affects many countries
5. **transportation** //ˌtrænsˈpɔːrteɪʃən// (noun): ways for moving people or goods
6. **electric** //ɪˈlɛktrɪk// (adjective): powered by electricity, not by fuel

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What was the age of Carm Basile when he passed away?

Option: 65

Option: 69



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Option: 70

Option: 72

2. In what year did Carm Basile retire from his position?

Option: 2019

Option: 2020

Option: 2021

Option: 2022

3. What position did Carm Basile hold at CDTA before becoming CEO?

Option: Chairman

Option: Transportation Planner

Option: Director of Operations

Option: Project Manager

4. Which new service did Basile introduce at CDTA?

Option: Subway Services

Option: Electric Buses

Option: Bicycle Rentals

Option: Carpool Programs

5. How long did Carm Basile work for CDTA?

Option: 30 years

Option: 35 years

Option: 40 years

Option: 43 years

6. Who confirmed the information regarding Basile's death?

Option: A family member

Option: The mayor

Option: Jayme Lahut

Option: His colleague

### True-False

7. Carm Basile was the CEO of the Capital District Transportation Authority for over a decade.

8. Basile started his career at CDTA as a bus driver.



9. He led CDTA during the COVID-19 pandemic.
10. Carm Basile is remembered for his lack of involvement in the community.
11. Basile died from complications related to surgery.
12. He lived in Albany with his wife and sons.

### Gap-Fill

13. Carm Basile died on Thursday at the age of \_\_\_\_\_.
14. He began his career at CDTA as a transportation planner in \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Basile worked for CDTA for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
16. Carm Basile became the CEO of CDTA in \_\_\_\_\_.
17. He introduced electric buses to reduce \_\_\_\_\_ in the community.
18. Basile lived in Colonie with his wife, Sheila, and their two \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 69 2. 2021 3. Transportation Planner 4. Electric Buses 5. 43 years 6. Jayme Lahut  
**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False  
**Gap-Fill:** 13. 69 14. 1981 15. 43 16. 2009 17. pollution 18. sons

### Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is the primary purpose of octane in gasoline?
  - Option: Increase fuel efficiency
  - Option: Enhance flavor
  - Option: Reduce emissions
  - Option: Improve color



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2. Which of the following vehicles typically uses diesel fuel?
    - Option: Gasoline cars
    - Option: Bicycles
    - Option: Large trucks
    - Option: Electric cars
  
  3. Which event caused significant disruptions in global transportation?
    - Option: World War II
    - Option: The Great Depression
    - Option: The pandemic
    - Option: The Industrial Revolution
  
  4. What type of vehicle is powered by electricity rather than gasoline or diesel?
    - Option: Hybrid vehicle
    - Option: Electric vehicle
    - Option: Gasoline vehicle
    - Option: Diesel vehicle
  
  5. What economic concept refers to the amount of a product available in the market?
    - Option: Demand
    - Option: Deficit
    - Option: Supply
    - Option: Equilibrium
  
  6. In government, what is the title given to a person who oversees a particular department?
    - Option: Governor
    - Option: Commissioner
    - Option: Mayor
    - Option: Senator
  
  7. What term describes the movement of people or goods from one place to another?
    - Option: Transportation
    - Option: Manufacturing
    - Option: Production
    - Option: Distribution
  
  8. What is a partnership or union formed for mutual benefit called?
    - Option: Alliance
    - Option: Conflict
    - Option: Independence
    - Option: Rivalry



9. What profession represents clients in legal matters?

- Option: Doctor
- Option: Engineer
- Option: Lawyer
- Option: Accountant

10. What is the act of giving money or goods to help a charity or cause?

- Option: Payment
- Option: Donation
- Option: Compensation
- Option: Transaction

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

- 11. Most vehicles on the road today rely on \_\_\_\_\_ as their primary fuel source.
- 12. The report was presented in a standard \_\_\_\_\_ to facilitate understanding.
- 13. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ for additional services provided to customers.
- 14. She \_\_\_\_\_ on receiving a full explanation before making a decision.
- 15. The price of diesel has \_\_\_\_\_ in the last year due to increased demand.
- 16. The patient required \_\_\_\_\_ to address the health issue.
- 17. After many years of service, he finally \_\_\_\_\_ from his job in the company.
- 18. The study provided a \_\_\_\_\_ overview of the economic situation.
- 19. The market's \_\_\_\_\_ led to cautious investment strategies.
- 20. The company is \_\_\_\_\_ its operations to meet growing consumer demand.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

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| 21. The two events were linked, showing a clear cause-and-effect relationship. |
| 22. The car was damaged in the accident and required extensive repairs.        |



23. Education is considered a primary concern for all societies aiming for progress.
24. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the event was cancelled without rescheduling.
25. Many people rely on public transportation for their daily commutes.
26. The countries formed an alliance to address shared security concerns.
27. Electric vehicles are becoming increasingly popular in urban areas.
28. Transportation infrastructure is critical for economic growth and development.
29. The commissioner presented new policies for environmental protection.
30. Diesel engines are known for their fuel efficiency and torque.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Increase fuel efficiency 2. Large trucks 3. The pandemic 4. Electric vehicle 5. Supply 6. Commissioner 7. Transportation 8. Alliance 9. Lawyer 10. Donation

**Gap-Fill:** 11. gasoline 12. metric 13. charge 14. insisted 15. doubled 16. surgery 17. retired 18. comprehensive 19. uncertainty 20. expanding

**Matching sentence:** 1. linked 2. damaged 3. primary 4. cancelled 5. rely 6. alliance 7. vehicles 8. transportation 9. commissioner 10. diesel

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