

## Marjorie V. Zmijewski

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Award: HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

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Marjorie Zmijewski is a native of the North Country and has lived most of her life in Keeseville. She is the daughter of the late Emilio and Virginia Garcia, and has followed in her father's footsteps as an active, well respected civic and government leader in the North Country.

Throughout her life, Ms. Zmijewski has served as AuSable Valley School Tax Collector, and Town of AuSable Tax Collector – where she held the position of Vice President, representing the North Country. When her father passed in 2000, she ran for and won his seat on the Town Board, and held that position until she retired in 2008. Upon her retirement, Ms. Zmijewski's son, Scot, ran for the seat and is currently holding that position. Ms. Zmijewski also served as the Town of AuSable Republican Chairman for more than 25 years.

Ms. Zmijewski was very instrumental in the planning and development of the Town of AuSable/Town of Chesterfi eld Keeseville Fire District. She was appointed to the Board of Fire Commissioners and was the first Chairperson to hold the job until it became an elected position. At that point, she resigned in order to keep her position within the Town of AuSable.

Ms. Zmijewski helped get funding for the Keeseville Neighborhood Watch Program and developed and coordinated community events for both the elderly and youth throughout the years. She is currently working for Adirondack Community Action Programs in Elizabethtown, where, as the Child Care Resource & Referral/ After School Program Director, she has spent the last 26 years fighting to improve the quality of life for Essex County children.

Ms. Zmijewski was instrumental in bringing after school programming to area schools, and currently oversees programs in three schools. She continues to advocate and promote the importance of quality childcare, and has built strong relationships within the childcare community.

She has been married to Michal Zmijewski for over 50 years. They have two children, Scot and Tonia, and fi ve grandchildren. One of her greatest joys is the time she spends with her family and friends.