



## Mary Zaid Stees

June 5, 1951 - January 15, 2024

Mary Zaid Stees (nee Magnone), 72, died on January 15, 2024. She is a loved wife, mother, sister, daughter, and friend. She leaves little doubt that she was full of life – she said what she meant and meant what she said.

Family was her passion. She was all about carrying on her Lebanese heritage with food, family, and friends. Every holiday (and near holiday) was a party with the best laid table, food, and camaraderie, and always an open door.

She was a devout Catholic and dedicated to her church, Our Lady of Lebanon. She was often found at mass, church group meetings, and running the kitchen for bake sales, church events, and the Mahrajan Festival.

She was a life-long resident of the Ohio Valley who loved traveling and going out, especially with her husband Bill, taking cruises, and wining and dining wherever the wind blew them.

Mary Zaid loved needlepoint and spent hours crafting and framing elaborate canvases that decorated her home and that she gifted to friends.

She was the loudest sideline cheerleader at her children's athletic events, and even coached a few seasons of rec league soccer. She volunteered as a Girl Scout leader when her daughters were in elementary school. As a grandmother (aka Sitte), she totally spoiled her grandkids.

Mary Zaid graduated from John Marshall High School and helped plan fun-loving class reunions for many decades after.

She attended Drexel University where she met and married her love, Bill Stees. After graduating with her accounting degree, Mary Zaid and Bill moved

to WV near her extended family.

Her mother, aunts, and uncles founded women's clothing store Jozabeth's in Moundsville, where Mary Zaid worked after college. She loved fashion and shopping trips to Pittsburgh and New York to buy merchandise for the store. She and her sister, Libby G. Magnone, took over co-ownership of the store until its closing in 2013.

Mary Zaid was preceded in death by her parents, William Nicholas and Elizabeth Ann Magnone. She is survived by her husband, Bill Stees; son William Patrick Stees; daughters Josie Fertig, Caroline (Josh) McDowell and Gina Stees; sister Elizabeth G. (Raymond Young) Magnone; brother William Nicholas (Arlene) Magnone; four grandchildren; and many cousins.

Family will receive friends on Monday from 4-7pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling. Funeral liturgy with mass will be celebrated Tuesday at 11:00am at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, with Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac as celebrant.

Graveside services will follow at 2:00pm at Riverview Cemetery, Moundsville. In memory of Mary Zaid Stees, memorial contributions can be made to Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff St., Wheeling, WV 26003.

Sympathy expressions at [grisellfuneralhomes.com](http://grisellfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

Round Bottom Hill Rd.  
Moundsville, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem  
1 Ridgecrest Road  
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 232-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Liturgy with Mass

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Lebanon  
2216 Eoff St.  
Wheeling, WV 26003

## Graveside Service

JAN 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

Riverview Cemetery  
Round Bottom Hill Rd.  
Moundsville, WV



# Tribute Wall

SC

“ My heart felt sympathy to Mary’s family and friends. Mary’s sister Libby was in my class at John Marshall.

Sandi Carpenter - January 23, 2024 at 12:08 AM

BM

“ It was a joy to be your sister-in-law, Mary. Your fiesty spirit, your sense of humor, your no-nonsense spirit, your wisdom about life, your love, and your deep care for family....all will be sorely missed! I look forward to living close to you in heaven, walking the golden streets with you, and hopefully eating your delicious bac lava as we stroll. Thank you for your amazing life of love. I already miss you sorely.

bonnie mccullough - January 22, 2024 at 05:48 PM

KH

“ I remember the evening I first met Mary and Bill, watching lifetime movies and stories of places and cooking, being her care giver was definitely an honor .Sending condolences and prayers, heaven gained a beautiful soul,

Kristina cutright healthcare - January 22, 2024 at 03:45 PM

BJ

“ So very sorry to learn of Mary’s passing. She was such a good neighbor and supportive friend through many years, and we always appreciated her kindness and her love for her family and friends. Our heartfelt condolences to her family. May her memory be a blessing for all who knew and loved her to treasure.  
Dave and Betsy Jividen and Family

Betsy Jividen - January 22, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Zaid Stees.



January 22, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ Bonnie and Rae planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Zaid Stees.

**Bonnie and Rae** - January 22, 2024 at 08:27 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Zaid Stees.



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“ Love, Paul Jacobs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Zaid Stees.

**Love, Paul Jacobs** - January 21, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Zaid Stees.



January 21, 2024 at 06:44 PM

RB

“ Bill and Family, we extend our sympathy and prayers to all of you  
🙏  
Ron and Carolyn Balog

Ronald Balog - January 21, 2024 at 03:42 PM

BT

“ Mary was a fun and caring person. Whenever I would fill in as a caregiver I always felt welcomed there. Bill and Mary have a heart of gold. I will always cherish knowing them.

Beth Thorn - January 20, 2024 at 10:41 PM

JP

“ John Pilsits planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Zaid Stees.

John Pilsits - January 20, 2024 at 10:10 AM

JP

“ John Pilsits purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Zaid Stees.



John Pilsits - January 20, 2024 at 10:10 AM

RO

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mary Zaid's passing. She was a special lady. Graduated from JM with her and I am so glad I got to talk with her for a few moments at our 50th class reunion. May she rest in the eternal peace and glory of God.

Russell Osmianski - January 20, 2024 at 09:21 AM

ES

“ I am saddened to hear the news of Mary's passing. She was such a wonderful lady. My thoughts and prayers are with Bill and their family.

Ellen Shaffer - January 19, 2024 at 10:49 PM

NW

“ Bill and Family,  
Please accept our condolences on the loss of Mary. May God hold you safely in the palm of his hand as you navigate the days ahead. Sending prayers for comfort and strength.  
Brad and Nancy Weeks

Nancy Weeks - January 18, 2024 at 11:36 PM

HP

“ Dear Family Stees,  
Please accept our condolences for the loss of Mary Zaid. Although old memories, we always enjoyed the time we shared with Mary Zaid and Bill.  
With deep sympathy  
Maria & Hans Papenbrock

Hans & Maria Papenbrock - January 18, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Zaid Stees.



January 18, 2024 at 11:34 AM

BH

“ I’m so sorry to here about the passing of Mary Zaid, what a sweet lady, I’ve known her most of my life , she was a great asset to her family’s great dress shop, Jozabeth’s , always sweet and friendly and she and her sister always dressed to the nines in the store , RIP sweet Angel until we meet again, prayers for her family at this difficult time 🙏

Barbara Ann Hretzok - January 18, 2024 at 11:19 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Zaid Stees.



January 17, 2024 at 05:42 PM

DA

“ Dan and Carol Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Zaid Stees.

Dan and Carol Anderson - January 17, 2024 at 04:44 PM

DA

“ Dan and Carol Anderson purchased the Enchant ed Cottage for the family of Mary Zaid Stees.



Dan and Carol Anderson - January 17, 2024 at 04:44 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mary Zaid Stees.*



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January 17, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ *Charlie and Beth Riggs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Zaid Stees.*

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**Charlie and Beth Riggs** - January 17, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Zaid Stees.*



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January 17, 2024 at 10:26 AM



“ *Sincere condolences to Mary's family. I grew up in Moundsville, Josebeths was a great business. I graduated in her class from JMH. Rest in Peace .*



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**Catherine (Riggle) Simmons** - January 17, 2024 at 10:00 AM

RG

“ *kim and i loved Mary she was a truly good person and alot of fun to be around.we will miss her very much.*

ron gibbons - January 17, 2024 at 06:43 AM

DA

“ *My sincere and humble condolences to the family and friends of Mary. Denny Albaugh*

Dennis R Albaugh - January 17, 2024 at 05:43 AM

JK

“ NICK,

*SORRY ABOUT YOUR SISTER. ANOTHER LOST FROM THE ICONIC CLASS OF JMHS 1969. HOPING SHE LEFT THIS WORD KNOWING SHE MADE A DIFFERENCE. MY THOUGHTS AND SYMPATHY GO OUT TO YOU , AND THE REST OF MARY ZAID'S FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.*

Jay Knapp - January 16, 2024 at 11:07 PM

KE

“ *Karen Rich Eisenhauer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Zaid Stees.*

Karen Rich Eisenhauer - January 16, 2024 at 10:20 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Zaid Stees.*



January 16, 2024 at 10:20 PM

TS

“ I met Mary in high school at a music workshop at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. I also met Libby then also. Mary and I became good friends and played guitar in our room there. We had a good time. We attended these workshops 2-3 summers. We continued to be friends for many years. We visited each other and our children played together. Mary invited my husband and I to join she and Bill for a class reunion 11day cruise in 2017 to the Caribbean. It was a wonderful trip and Mary’s friendship was a treasure. Our birthdays were only 3 days apart. We always sent cards to each other for birthdays and Christmas. She will be missed. May you be at peace with the Lord. Till we meet again, dear friend.

Terry Shields - January 16, 2024 at 09:52 PM

SW

“ Mary was so much fun and such a hard worker . She is the reason our high school reunions were such a success. She had a good head on her shoulders and kept the committee in line! We talked recently and she said we were going to have one for 60. It would not be the same without her to cheer us on. I can see her in heaven planning a big reunion when we all get there. sandie

Sandie wallace - January 16, 2024 at 09:20 PM

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Terry Shields - January 16, 2024 at 09:45 PM

JA

“ Mary was a wonderful lady , her smile was always there , she was one of the student at john marshall and 1 st class to graduate ive heard many stories about reunions and are cruise was my first cruise and mary was awesome putting it together. My best friend sandy always talked about the fun they had in school in an out , i will miss hearing telling me stories about everything! rest in peace and i will watch out for libby G your wonderful sister who walked behind you taking care of her big sister ! rest in peace with the lord i will miss seeing you but i will look up for your smile Julie

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**Julie A Anderson** - January 16, 2024 at 09:08 PM

CD

“ Mary was one of a kind. A bright candle in a dimly lit room. Always a smile, a hug, something to make the day brighter. She surely left her footprint on this earth and I know she will be welcomed by the Angels. Carol Dougherty

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**Carol Dougherty** - January 16, 2024 at 07:58 PM