



## Thomas "Tom" Zahnow

March 17, 1964 - October 1, 2014

Thomas "Tom" Zahnow, age 50 of Wheeling, WV died Wednesday, October 01, 2014 in West Penn Hospital Burn Center, Pittsburgh, PA.

He was born March 17, 1964 in Wheeling.

He was a fitter/welder for Axiall Corp., Natrium Plant, formerly PPG. He was a member of the Washington County and the Ohio Valley Antique Bottle Clubs; he enjoyed the outdoors including hunting and fishing, spending time with his family and time in his Man Cave. He was an avid Steeler and WVU fan.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Holly Berletch Zahnow; one son, Tyler Zahnow and one daughter, Haley Zahnow, both at home; two sisters, Kathy (Marty) Martel of Florida and Dr. Cindy Zahnow and her husband, Dr. Kellogg Schwab of Bel Air, MD; Father, Thomas (Brenda) Zahnow of Moundsville, WV and Mother, Salna Vilkas Hendricks of Florida; Father and Mother-in-law, Larry and Marilyn Berletch of Benwood, WV; numerous nieces, nephews brothers and sisters-in-law.

Family will receive friends Saturday 2-4 and 6-9pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV where funeral services will be held Sunday at 1pm with Father Dennis Schuelkens officiating.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

OCT 4. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow*



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**Grisell Funeral Homes** - October 03, 2014 at 05:07 PM

WF

“ *Wendy Clark Besece And Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow*



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**Wendy Clark Besece and Family** - October 07, 2014 at 04:15 PM

CJ

“ *Sincere condolences go out to the Zahnow family. My wife and I graduated with Tom and remember him as a fun loving guy. We hope that time heals your sadness.*



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**Chris Jones** - October 06, 2014 at 05:08 PM

DF

“ *Debbie Staats & Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow*



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**Debbie Staats & Family** - October 06, 2014 at 01:32 PM

GT

“ *So sorry Holly, Tyler and Haley for your loss.*

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**Geri Theiss** - October 05, 2014 at 05:38 PM

JM

“ *Holly,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Joni Morris** - October 05, 2014 at 11:29 AM

MM

“ *Melinda & Brian Masters lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow*



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**Melinda & Brian Masters** - October 05, 2014 at 11:02 AM

ME

*I only get the sunday paper and saw where Tom has passed away. My heart morns for you and your family. I can not imagine what you maybe going through. Please if you need anything at all let us know.*

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**Melinda** - October 05, 2014 at 11:05 AM

CN

“ We are so sad for the passing of Tom. Ralph and I have worked with Tom for years. May Holly and his children know that we are sending prayers of comfort to them. We would like to be there for your family, not only for today, but for the future. Our sincere condolences, Ralph and Carla Northcraft.

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**Carla Northcraft** - October 04, 2014 at 09:50 PM

 Lou Virden

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for you and your family.

*Donnie & Lou Ann Virden*



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**Lou Virden** - October 04, 2014 at 08:56 PM

WC

“ My friend tom I will never forget you,god has a plan for us all,your family is in our prayer's log ya nanu.

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**Wayne Chase** - October 04, 2014 at 04:24 PM

SW

“ I am so sorry at the passing of Tom. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Stacy (Kakos) Wise** - October 04, 2014 at 04:19 PM

LC

“ My heart goes out to you. I'm so sorry for your loss. Tom was a good man and he always had a smile for everyone. I was his first boss at PPG. He was a good worker and fun to be around. I can't imagine the pain you are going through.

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**Linda Clark** - October 04, 2014 at 03:51 PM

MH

“ *Michael Hayes lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow*



Michael Hayes - October 04, 2014 at 03:03 PM

JH

“ *I had a lot of fun with Tom. We were in cal-hypo and were fit/welders before I went back to cal-hypo. One time Tom sold me his kitchen table and hutch, and we had it half loaded when Holly got home. By her reaction I don't think she knew it was for sale. Good times.*

jamie henthorn - October 04, 2014 at 02:24 PM

PW

“ *Pam Weekley lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow*



Pam Weekley - October 04, 2014 at 01:50 PM

SF

“ *So sorry for your loss, Tom was a great guy, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers !*

Sam & Rhonda Franklin - October 04, 2014 at 12:46 PM

HM

“ Tom was a good co-worker, friend and I really enjoyed being around him. Where ever he was, there was laughter. He was very well liked at the plant, was a hard worker and very good at his job. It is hard for me to believe he is gone. He will always be remembered by his friends. Our deepest heartfelt sympathies are with his family. We pray that God and your memories of Tom will help to comfort you during this tragic time.....  
Howard & Tammy Morris



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**Howard Morris`** - October 04, 2014 at 12:36 PM

JB

“ Jodee Hughes Berry lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Zahnw



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**Jodee Hughes Berry** - October 04, 2014 at 11:12 AM

JB

*Thinking of you and your family. The video was touching. It shows what a great family man Tom was. Reading all of the comments here and on facebook really show how much joy he brought to those around him. This was a true tragedy.*

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**Jodee Hughes Berry** - October 04, 2014 at 11:15 AM

DR

“ I worked with Tom at the plant and he was a wonderful person. A very hard worker and just a pleasure to be around. I feel very grateful to have known such magnificent person. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

*Doug Rush*

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**Doug Rush** - October 04, 2014 at 11:11 AM



“ I met the Berletch's at Wheeling Hospital on Wed. Not knowing their names, I realize now that Tom was the brother-in-law, son-in-law they talked about. I lost my brother suddenly at age 50, too, and I sympathize with the whole family. Becky, Larry, Larry Sr, and Marilyn, you touched my heart and you will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Becky Stead** - October 04, 2014 at 10:54 AM

MK

“ Marty And Kathy lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow



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**Marty and Kathy** - October 04, 2014 at 10:13 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow.



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October 04, 2014 at 09:24 AM

PS

“ Pam, Randy and Eva Suarez purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow.



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**Pam, Randy and Eva Suarez** - October 04, 2014 at 09:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow.



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October 04, 2014 at 09:07 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow.



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October 04, 2014 at 09:06 AM

RM

“ Robbie and Teresa Martin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow.



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**Robbie and Teresa Martin** - October 04, 2014 at 08:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow.*



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October 04, 2014 at 08:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow.*



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October 03, 2014 at 07:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow.*



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October 03, 2014 at 04:29 PM



“ *Mrs. Zahnow, Tyler, and Haley, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Lindsey (Pastorius) Jesionowski*

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**Lindsey Jesionowski** - October 03, 2014 at 03:27 PM

HK

“ Tom was a wonderful Family Man! He adored his children and idolized his wife! My heart breaks for the family! RIP Tom!

Holli Kudlak - October 03, 2014 at 02:15 PM

HK

“ Holli Kudlak lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow



Holli Kudlak - October 03, 2014 at 02:14 PM

FT

“ I met Tom years ago when his son Tyler and my son A.J. were on the same t-ball team together. Tyler and A.J. went to school together and then graduated together from Bishop Donahue High School in 2012. Tom was quiet, soft spoken and never had a bad word to say about anyone. I will miss him. To Holly, Tyler and Haley. I am so sorry for your loss, just know that he is no longer suffering and is keeping watch over you. Be safe and God Bless All of You.

Fred Theiss

Fred Theiss - October 03, 2014 at 01:33 PM

WC

“ Wayne & I both worked with Tom at PPG. He was a joy to be around. Such a fun guy. He would stop by my office & tell me what new flavors of wine he had come up with. Tom will truly be missed. Godspeed Tom, see you on the over side!!!



Wayne & Cindy Chase - October 03, 2014 at 11:23 AM

TM

“ I remember sitting upstairs with Tom in the press floor room listening to tapes that he had of Roy D. Mercer and laughing our butts off. Tom was very good at the job he had at the plant and was a very likable guy. I feel grateful I got to spend time with him. He will be missed. Thanks for the laughs, your union brother  
Todd Majors

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**Todd Majors** - October 03, 2014 at 11:14 AM

WP

“ Wheeling Jesuit Athletic Training Program purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Thomas "Tom" Zahnow.



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**Wheeling Jesuit Athletic Training Program** - October 03, 2014  
at 10:02 AM