



## Martha Lee Zapf

August 29, 1944 - September 29, 2022

Martha Payne Zapf, 78, of Bristow VA, passed away unexpectedly on the morning of September 29, 2022 in her home.

Marty was born on August 29, 1944 in Sutton, West Virginia to the late Tammy David and Bertha Mae Payne. She was the youngest of five daughters who all remained close throughout the entirety of their lives. She was preceded in death by three of her older sisters: Mary Greene, Norma Sloan and Monna Simpson, and her sister in-law, Mary Bunner.

Marty is survived by her beloved husband Mike; her sister, Carol Lewis; and her children, Dawn Miller (and husband, Jason), Jennifer Cook, and Chad Ehrmantraut (and wife, Laurie). In addition to her immediate family, she loved spending time with her extended “bonus family” that included her in-laws Tom Zapf (and wife, Nikki), Rick Zapf, Susan Zapf, Cynthia Lofaro (and husband, Joe), Richard Bunner, Pat Sloan and Randall Greene; Mike’s children Marc Zapf (and wife, Kelly), Kevin Zapf, Amy Zapf and Joseph Zapf (and wife, Montine). Known as Nan and Nanny, she was the proud grandmother of 12 beautiful grandchildren: Catie, Collin, Corey, Megan, Emily, Julia, Eddie, Lucas, Gincy, Crawford, Eston and Harry.

Growing up in Sutton, WV, Marty followed the footsteps of her sisters and fled the hills of West Virginia for Washington, D.C. at the young age of 18. She

made the Northern VA area her home and began a career with the US Department of Agriculture. While in Manassas VA, she went on to raise three beautiful children and ultimately had the fortune of finding her best friend and true love, Mike.

Mike and Marty made a beautiful life together, blending the lives of seven children and prioritizing time with family. She loved vacationing with her family, golfing, hosting pool parties, playing cards with friends and rooting for her Washington sports teams. She was an animal lover and adored her boxers, Frazier and Zoey. She especially loved her annual Payne sister cruises where they were known to pack all five sisters in a single cabin so that they could stay up to talk and laugh all night!

But at the center of her world were her grandchildren. She was a constant presence in the lives and milestones of her 12 grandkids – attending baptisms, hosting birthday parties and rooting them on at all of their sporting events, music and dance recitals, award ceremonies, school functions and graduations. There was never an event too small or a moment too insignificant to not be present.

She taught us the value and importance of “family first”, and to live hard and to laugh often. She opened her house and her heart to everyone and she lived every day of her life to the fullest. She was our rock and will live in our hearts forever.

A visitation will be held on Friday, October 14th at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. [For those traveling from out of town, we recommend Tru by Hilton Manassas - 10550 Gateway Blvd, Manassas, VA. (703) 420-1500]

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

# Tribute Wall

GI

“ I cant belive this, I met Martha a long time ago, Im sorry to know that she passed

Giannia - May 07, 2025 at 03:29 PM

CG

“ So sorry to hear of Martha’s passing. Martha was a neighbor and had a wonderful family who actually bought their groceries at my dad’s store. So many memories of going to school and her driving Tammy’s 1958 Pontiac.  
She was so beautiful in so many ways.

Clark Greene - November 02, 2022 at 11:14 AM

JB

“ Jerry and I are so sorry to learn of Marty’s sudden passing. Our thoughts are with Mike and the rest of the family. What a great gal Marty was - she will be missed by so many.  
Jerry and Susan Barrett

Jerry and Susan Barrett - October 23, 2022 at 09:41 PM

SG

“ I was a classmate of Marty back in Sutton, WV! She was always a very sweet, quiet person who "lit up the room" when she walked in. Her beautiful smile and striking looks were always noticed. In my opinion, she was the most beautiful of our classmates. Our deepest condolences to her many family members. I'm just sorry that we learned a bit too late to attend her funeral. We live in Northern Virginia. Marty, may you rest in peace!  
Sharon Frame Given and husband, Jim

Sharon Frame Given - October 21, 2022 at 01:39 AM

LH

“ So sorry to hear of Marty's passing. I graduated from high school with Marty. I remember her as being the most beautiful girl in school and one of the most popular in the class of 1962. Also, Miss Braxton County at the fair.

Larry Harper

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Larry Harper - October 15, 2022 at 03:24 PM

EP

I shall always remember our early days in DC, as we spent time together, laughing and comparing our work notes. Marty had a beautiful spirit and kept us West Virginia girls in stitches with her many experiences! I shall always treasure those days. May you rest In peace, sweet and beautiful Marty!! Love and prayers to her beautiful family. Evelyn Post

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Evelyn Post - October 16, 2022 at 11:57 PM

JS

Martha and I were neighbors and classmates, she was a beautiful and vibrant gal and had a wonderful family she and her sisters were very close. My thoughts and prayers r with her family she made the world a brighter place.

Peachie Rose Sergent Class of 1962 SHS💙

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Joyce Peachie Rose Sergent - October 17, 2022 at 06:53 AM

CT

“ Chad's work team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.



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Chad's work team - October 14, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.*



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October 13, 2022 at 10:54 PM



“ *My heart is with each of you at this time. Will be praying for you as you go through this tremendous loss.*

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**Sharon Baker Gray** - October 13, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ *Sharon Baker Gray lit a candle in memory of Martha Lee Zapf*



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**Sharon Baker Gray** - October 13, 2022 at 09:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.*



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October 13, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.



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October 13, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.



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October 13, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.



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October 12, 2022 at 09:11 PM



“ *Randy and Pam purchased the Arrive in Style* for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.



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**Randy and Pam** - October 12, 2022 at 03:30 PM

LB

“ Larry and Hilda Berry purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.



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**Larry and Hilda Berry** - October 12, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.



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October 12, 2022 at 10:14 AM

JB

“ Joan and Blue Blouin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.



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**Joan and Blue Blouin** - October 10, 2022 at 04:21 PM

JL

“ Jo and I are so sad for the loss of your Wife, Mom and Grandmother, she was truly a sweet, kind, loving, beautiful and we considerer one of our dear friends who in the early years we had so many good times at our theme parties, softball games, softball events, etc together . We were blessed to know her entire family and most of her friends in the early years, Had not seen them since we moved to Surfside Beach, SC 17 Years ago. She had so much love in her heart and we never did not see her smiling. MIke we are so sorry for your loss, we know it will not be easy for you, try to cherish her memories and all the great things you both did together. You were a great couple and you both will meet again in Heaven. Rely on your extended family as well, they are all wonderful young people and family members, I also know they all loved you very much.



Jo and Lester Leonard - October 09, 2022 at 07:52 PM

LP

“ Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time. 💕



Lyndsay Payne - October 07, 2022 at 09:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.



October 06, 2022 at 07:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.



October 06, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ Vicki Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Martha Lee Zapf



Vicki Jenkins - October 06, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.



October 06, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Lee Zapf.



October 06, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Martha Lee Zapf*.



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October 05, 2022 at 12:44 PM