



Mary T. Zappitelli

April 26, 1958 - November 5, 2015

Mary T. Zappitelli, 57, of Mentor passed away peacefully Thursday, November 5, 2015 at home surrounded by her family after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. Mary was born April 26, 1958 in Painesville, Ohio.

She earned her B.A. in Education from Lake Erie College and later earned her Master's degree. Mary was a teacher for 25 years. Anyone that knew Mary could see her love for teaching and inspiring others. She enjoyed teaching Art at St. Mary of the Assumption School in Mentor and later Spanish at Lake Catholic High School in Mentor. Mary also worked closely with the students at Lake Catholic as the Spirit Rally Advisor, Senior Class Moderator, and Student Government Advisor. As great as Mary's passion was for teaching, her main passion was for her family.

Mary was a devoted wife of 35 years and an amazing mother and grandmother. She loved to cook and play with her grandchildren. One of her greatest joys was to spend every Sunday at home with her family. Mary was also an active parishioner at St Mary of the Assumption Church. Mary's kind smile and gentle voice will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her.

Mary is survived by her loving husband, Frank Zappitelli; three children, Danielle (husband Melvin) Huggins, Steven (wife Janine) Zappitelli, and Michael (wife Hannah) Zappitelli; grandchildren Gavin Huggins and Giada

Zappitelli; mother and father Michael and Helen (Bertone) Zappitelli; sister Patricia Zappitelli and nephew Mitchell Zappitelli.

Visitation will be from 3:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave, Mentor, OH 44060.

The funeral mass will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at St Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Ave, Mentor, OH 44060. Burial will follow at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial gifts be sent to the Mary Zappitelli Lake Catholic Scholarship Fund. Donations can be sent to Lake Catholic High School, 6733 Reynolds Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060 or online at <http://ow.ly/Ukvay> with Mary's name in the comments to ensure gifts go directly to the scholarship fund.

Condolences can be sent at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 10. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

NOV 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Assumption Church
8560 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3404
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

Tribute Wall

RF

“ My condolences to the family. I did not have the honor to meet Mary but as an educator, I can appreciate that she chose a life that was fulfilling. May the family be assured that her knowledge included, her love for God and his promise to you that He hears your prayers and sees your tears." (2 Kings 20:5) He will mend your broken and crushed hearts and become an eternal light "And the days of your mourning will end.(Isaiah 60:20) May you all have comfort and peace.

Rose F. - November 29, 2015 at 07:18 AM

AR

“ She was always there when I needed someone for anything. She knew how to make me smile. She went out of her way to make my day better or to see how I was. Mrs. Zappitelli was probably one of the best ladies to walk this earth and I'm so glad I knew her. And I will try my best everyday to embody her spirit as much as I can to continue her remarkable legacy. I love you Mrs. Zappitelli!



Ally Rhone - November 11, 2015 at 09:56 PM

GC

“ Dear Zappitelli Family,

I am praying for all of you at this time. As I look at the picture of Mary, I can see that she has not changed since I had the privilege of teaching with her at St. Mary of the Assumption School in the 90s. She was a beautiful person with a giant heart. One of my favorite memories of her giving spirit was how she helped put the staff's and students' painted handprints on the wall at the school. Forever, we will be on the wall, and forever Mary will be in our hearts.

*Love,
Gina Cain and Family*

Gina Cain - November 11, 2015 at 01:13 PM

BC

“ *Patty and family... So sorry for the loss of your loved one. Mary always had the warmest smile. Many fond memories from high school days as well as Lake Catholic. Thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you. Sincerely, Brad*

brad collins - November 10, 2015 at 05:04 PM

PG

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Zappitelli family. Mrs. Zappitelli was my Spanish teacher at Lake Catholic High School. Every memory I have is filled with joy. A day did not go by that I did not see her in the halls of Lake and stop to say hello. She filled me with that boost of energy that every high school student needed to get through the day. Especially after a hard exam. She left an imprint on my heart that I will carry with me forever.*

*All my prayers,
Paulina Getsy*

Paulina Getsy - November 10, 2015 at 10:19 AM

CM

“ Our Condolences go out to the entire Zappitelli family . Carmen and Clara Mignelli , Niagara Falls Ontario.

carmen mignelli - November 09, 2015 at 05:35 PM

CH

“ Our deepest sympathy to Patty, Mitchell and the entire Zappitelli family.

My son Andrew had Mary as his art teacher while attending St. Mary elementary school. One day he arrived home and when I asked him how his day at school was he told me with much enthusiasm that it was the best day he ever had .When I asked him why, he told me that his art teacher Mrs. Zappitelli was teaching art history and it was all about the personalities and lives of all the different painters. He told me he couldn't wait until the next day and that he now loved going to school. He said he wished she could teach all of his classes. He was in the 4th grade at that time and very shy and not quite the studious type of child. Her style of teaching helped him in gaining his own confidence as well as in learning of his own gifts and talents. He is now 27 years old and that day will never be forgotten and neither will she. She was a remarkable person and teacher.

Cheri, Andrew and Sam Pederson

Cheri - November 09, 2015 at 04:58 PM

EB

“ Mrs.Zappitelli was my 1st period Spanish teacher last year. She is one of the most supportive and giving teachers I have ever met, and I am lucky to have gotten to know her. I hope she knows how loved she is and how many lives she has changed over her lifetime. I have been praying and will continue to pray for her and her family through this difficult time.

Erin Brennan - November 09, 2015 at 04:27 PM

AS

“ Deepest Sympathy to the Zappitelli family and the entire Lake Catholic Community.

Adam Sanden - November 09, 2015 at 03:44 PM

BW

“ I worked for Mary's parents at the Convenient Food Mart at the end of Dartmoor Rd in Mentor when I was in high school, about the time she and Frank were dating. Mary was always a pleasure to work with, and always had a smile and something nice to say. I was shocked to see her obit here. Prayers to her family.

Brian Winston

Brian Winston - November 09, 2015 at 09:19 AM

OD

“ On behalf of the entire Vantiv Enterprise Sales Division purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary T. Zappitelli.



On behalf of the entire Vantiv Enterprise Sales Division -
November 09, 2015 at 08:52 AM

MM

“ I met Mary through her daughter, Danielle who took piano lessons from me for about four years at Fine Arts Association. She was always cheerful and had an amazing smile. I am in disbelief that she has passed on but feel comforted knowing that she is in God's loving hands. My DEEPEST sympathy to the Zappitelli family. Love and Prayers.



Maryann Messina

Maryann Messina - November 08, 2015 at 07:53 PM

MB

“ Mrs. Zappitelli was a lasting teacher I will never forget. Always shared her big warm smile with you even if you did wrong. Prayers to her children and family and fellow Cougars.



Mike Brodnan - November 08, 2015 at 12:00 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary T. Zappitelli.



November 08, 2015 at 10:40 AM

NN

“*Mary was so sweet and so kind. Her warm, beautiful smile is the first thing that comes to mind when I think of her. She will be missed by all who knew her.*
With my deepest sympathy,
Nikki Niemczura.”



nikki niemczura - November 08, 2015 at 09:38 AM

DC

“*I'm so terribly sorry to hear of Mary's passing. We were friends in high school but lost contact after graduating. We reconnected on Facebook about a year or so ago. We have a saying in Judaism when someone dies: "May her memory be a blessing." Truly, may the memory of Mary be a blessing for your family.*”

Deena (Brown) Charnofsky

Deena Charnofsky - November 07, 2015 at 08:45 PM

JL

“*I worked for this family for years at Convenient Food Mart. She was very sweet to me, always. As was the entire family. They took very good care of me. - Jeremy Lanning*”



Jeremy Lanning - November 07, 2015 at 06:01 PM