



Jessie Rishel-Magee

October 31, 1926 - May 29, 2024

Jessie Gail (Stair) Rishel-Magee, 97, formerly of Farmington, Pa., went on to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. Born October 31, 1926 in Farmington, she was a daughter of the late Jesse R. and Emma (Sheering) Stair.

Following graduation in 1945 from South Union High School, she worked at Metzlers Dept. Store, Fayette Farm Service, sold World Book Encyclopedias for 23 years, and lastly was a seamstress at the Boutique Shoppe in Uniontown. Her greatest vocation, however, was being a devoted wife and mother, creating a warm and loving home to raise her five children.

Jessie was active for over 70 years in the Wharton Furnace Union Chapel near Elliottsville, serving on the Church Board, singing in the choir, playing the piano and organizing for many years the annual Bible School, Mother's Day and Christmas celebrations, and many other special services.

Later, she became a member of the Hopwood Garden Club, the Mountain Area Senior Citizens Action Group, and the Christian Womens Club in Uniontown. Her hobbies included quilting, sewing, making homemade candy to pass out to her family and neighbors, working in her beautiful flower beds, and collecting vintage lady head flower vases.

Since moving to Virginia in 2021, she enjoyed visits with family and friends, concerts and art galleries, attending services at the Fairview Baptist Church, strolling around the Riverside neighborhood, and working with her personal trainer, Steve. Always wanting to be active and helpful, her faith, strength and perseverance continued to amaze us all.

Surviving are four children, Alan F. Rishel of Carlisle, Pa., Gail Carlins (Rick) of Fruitland Park, Florida, Philip S. Rishel of Point Marion, and Susan Brown (Kevin) of Fredericksburg, with whom she made her home for the past several years; grandchildren, Emma (James), Jeana, Barbara (Rob), Kyle (Claire), Kirsten (Duane), Karina (Isaiah) and Paige; great-grandchildren, Tyree, Timmy, Avah and Levi; two brothers, William C. Stair (Janet) of Norcross, Georgia, and D. Mark Stair (Lisa) of Brookville, Pa.; several loving cousins, nieces, and nephews and their families; and her beloved faithful feline companion, Callie.

Preceding her in death was her first husband and the father of her children, William F. Rishel in 1982; her second husband, William S. Magee in 2004; a son, Brian W. Rishel in 1973; and her only sister, Beulah Baxter.

Friends will be received in the Wharton Furnace Union Chapel, 1030 Wharton Furnace Road, Farmington, on Sunday, June 2nd, from 4 – 8 PM, and again Monday from 11 until the 12:00 Noon hour of service, with Rev. Steve Davis officiating. Interment follows in Bethel Cemetery, Farmington. Arrangements are in the care of the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, Philip S. Rishel, Owner and Director.

As much as she loved flowers, Jessie loved her Lord and the work of her church more, so it is suggested that in lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be offered to the Wharton Furnace Union Chapel, % Kathy Marks, Treasurer, at 255 Wharton Furnace Road, Farmington, PA 15437.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Memorial Park

526 Elliotsville Road
Farmington, PA 15437

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wharton Furnace Union Chapel
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Visitation

JUN 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DD

“ So sorry to hear about your mother’s passing Philip . Many prayers for you and your family at this difficult time !

Debbie Danko - June 24, 2024 at 08:02 AM

TC

“ Our deepest condolences to the family

Tracy n Harry Carr - June 09, 2024 at 08:08 AM

KD

“ Alan, Gail, Phillip, and Susie — I was so saddened to read of the passing of your mom. What an amazing life she had. I remember her fondly from the days of my (our) youth when visiting my grandparents just down the road and from participating in events down at the Chapel. (I still have my rock-set-in-plaster door stop that I made at bible school in 1968!) My thoughts are with each of you as you grieve her loss. Peace be in your hearts.

Keith Diehl - June 04, 2024 at 10:42 AM

PK

“ Gail,
Extending Our Sincerest Sympathy to You & Your Family in the loss of Your Mother. Pat, Shawn & Sharla Keslar

Patricia Keslar - June 03, 2024 at 10:13 AM

BD

“ *Bonnie Dunham lit a candle in memory of Jessie Rishel-Magee*



Bonnie Dunham - June 03, 2024 at 07:36 AM

SH

“ *Alan, Gail, Phillip, and Susie, We send our condolences and love today as you gather to honor the passing of your dear mother. Jessie was always so generous and loving to us growing up on Wharton Furnace Road. So many good memories! Sally, Les, Jim, and Tom*

Sally Hurst - June 03, 2024 at 06:15 AM

SV

“ *Shirley Veugeler lit a candle in memory of Jessie Rishel-Magee*



Shirley Veugeler - June 02, 2024 at 09:55 PM

SV

“ *Phillip I am so sorry to hear about your Mom I am thinking about you and your family.*

Shirl

Shirley Veugeler - June 02, 2024 at 09:55 PM

KL

“ Philip, Lou and I were sorry to hear about your mother’s passing. You and your family will be in our thoughts today. Lou and Kathy Longo

Kathleen Longo - June 02, 2024 at 03:32 PM

DD

“ Very sorry to hear that your mother had passed. My deepest sympathy. May you find comfort in the memories and may she rest in love.

Dianne Hawkins Douglas - June 02, 2024 at 01:20 AM

PA

“ Philip, Alan, Gail & Susan,
Your mom was a wonderful Christian lady. Proof is just looking at all of you and how you live life. I feel so blessed to have gotten the chance to be around her and I’m really going to miss our talks and definitely her sense of humor for what she might say! My prayers are with you.

Patty - June 01, 2024 at 06:47 PM

SJ

“ So sorry to hear of your mother’s passing Philip. Prayers for you and your family. French and Sandy.

Sandy Jenkins - June 01, 2024 at 08:20 AM

LV

“ Phil and family. So many lives touched by one of Gods best. As you all sit around the table telling stories and reminiscing, we hope there is much laughter and love shared among you. Love and prayers to all. Larry & Judy

Larry & Judy Vincie - June 01, 2024 at 07:41 AM

TW

“ Tammy Spacht Wise lit a candle in memory of Jessie Rishel-Magee



Tammy Spacht Wise - May 31, 2024 at 04:29 PM

TW

Philip, so sorry to hear about your Mom. I will keep you in my prayers!
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Tammy Spacht Wise - May 31, 2024 at 04:32 PM

CS

“ Philip, Your mom's obituary tells what a wonderful person she was. We are very sorry for your loss. May she rest in peace. May God Bless the family.
Joe and Carol Spearen

Carol Spearen - May 31, 2024 at 02:10 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to your whole family

Paul Saether - May 31, 2024 at 09:52 AM

TB

“ Phil, so sorry to hear of your moms passing may she rest in peace and God bless your family.



Terry and JoAnn Barzanti - May 31, 2024 at 08:47 AM