



Thomas Obed Madden III

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Thomas Obed Madden, III, was born on August 17, 1946. He passed away on December 20, 2022, at Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, VA as a result of an intestinal infection and complications of Parkinson's.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn; sons Thomas O. Madden, IV (Stacy), Anthony (Delores); daughter, Elisabeth Madden; stepson, Galen Spangler; siblings, Thomasene Madden Tarasuk, and William (Bill) Madden; brother-in-law, Raymond Ford (Donna); grandchildren, Thomas O. Madden, V, Lily and Alexis Madden; step-grandchildren Cameron, Alex, and Kaya Spangler; nephew, Paul J. Tarasuk and other relatives. Thomas was predeceased by his parents, Thomas O. Madden, Jr. and Hazel Madden, and stepson, Yuri Spangler.

Thomas was baptized at Precious Blood Catholic Church and attended Culpeper County schools until he transferred to St. Emma Military Academy in Powhatan, VA in the tenth grade. Thomas received a B.S. in math from Rochester Institute of Technology in New York and attained a M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. His brief stint in the U.S. Air Force ended when he was honorably discharged to manage his family's farming business for his ailing father. After his father's health improved, Thomas was eager to resume and maintain his expertise as a Controls System Engineer for Honeywell, Inc. and later, Johnson Controls, so he completed advanced studies in Operations Research, Simulation & Reliability Theory at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. He enrolled in many refresher technical courses at the University of Virginia, and he was gratified that he contributed thirty-five years of experience to major positions of responsibility managing all phases of PC-based control systems design. A sampling of his revered projects include: Direct Digital Control (DDC) testing and implementation for General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Defense (DoD), United States Air Force, Marine Headquarters and the Pentagon. He designed and managed a \$300,000 automation system (Building 29) for NASA which houses systems to support the Hubbell Telescope. He was also the Lead Systems Engineer for installation of a \$4,000,000 automation system at IBM Building 130 that manufactured state-of-the-art computer memory chips in Manassas, VA.



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Thomas was an avid reader of science and history books and magazines. He enjoyed visiting museums and national parks, going deep sea fishing, riding tractors, watching PBS specials and old westerns, listening to classical and gospel music, keeping abreast of activities of the Montpelier Descendants Committee, and spending time with family. Interspersed among his wife's many elephants, one could see his treasured collection of ducks and ships. Thomas had a great sense of humor and a special fondness for children and animals, especially his beloved Yoshon, Piper.

The family extends profound appreciation to caregivers Saidu Tarawallie, Gloria Edwards, Jennifer Tinsley, and Beth Spangler. Your sensitivity and dedication brightened his days, and he always looked forward to your visits and techniques of engagement that generated a few comical comments from him.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Thomas' memory may be sent to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at www.michaeljfox.org/give or Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777.

Services will be private and will be held at Ebenezer Baptist Church. He will be buried at Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery in Lignum, VA.

An online guest book and tribute wall are available at www.foundandsons.com.

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family



Events

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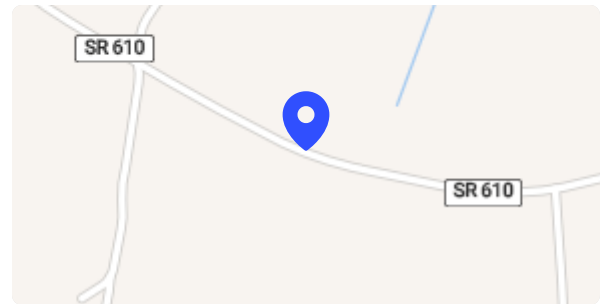
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Cemetery Details



Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery

23144 Maddens Tavern Road, Lignum VA 22726





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Nora Mulhern posted:

Evelyn and family, please accept my sincere condolences. Thomas was such a hard-working, kind, and gentle soul. His zest for knowledge, sense of humor, and love of animals are what I remember most about him. May God comfort you and bring you peace through the memories you share of your beloved Thomas.

January 8 at 8:34 AM



Marie Lynn (Myrtle) Hughes posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Evelyn, Thomasene, Bill, PJ and all family and friends who knew, loved and cared for Obed in this life and beyond. Take care and may his life be celebrated this day. Sincerely -Marie Lynn (Myrtle) Hughes

January 7 at 6:47 AM



Anise Broadus lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

My sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Madden family. I will miss Thomas's humor, along with his kind and gentle spirit. He will truly be missed. May he rest in God's everlasting peace 🙏

January 6 at 11:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Madden family.

January 5 at 8:40 AM



Joanne T Greene posted:

Evelyn...May the Love of Family and Friends bring you much comfort during this difficult time..Take Care

January 4 at 2:42 PM



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Annette posted:

A contribution to the Parkinson's Foundation has been made byANNETTE FLYNN-HELOUIn memory ofThomas MaddenA message from ANNETTE FLYNN-HELOU afh12121212@gmail.com.Dear Tomi & PJ, I am very saddened to hear of the loss of Thomas. May your faith give you strength to endure this difficult time and your love of Thomas give you peace and joy in the memories you have of him. With love and prayers, AnnetteThe Parkinson's Foundation makes life better for people with Parkinson's disease by improving care and advancing research toward a cure. In everything we do, we build on the energy, experience, and passion of our global Parkinson's community.Questions about PD? Call our Helpline:1-800-4PD-INFO (473-4636)200 SE 1st StreetSuite 800Miami, FL 331311359 BroadwaySuite 1509New York, NY 10018Click here to view a printable version of this eCard.

January 1 at 4:42 AM



Mckinley Rush sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Madden family.



December 30 at 3:59 PM



Roy & Rosie Henderson posted:

Rest in peace Obed. (Rosie & Roy)

December 30 at 6:33 AM



Jimmy Mastin posted:

So sorry to hear of your brothers passing. Your family has such a rich history and your brother carried the Madden torch with all his contributions! All the best!

December 28 at 5:28 PM



Steve Southard posted:

Bill,Sorry to hear about your brother. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

December 28 at 12:54 PM



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Pj Tarasuk posted:

My Uncle Obed was a quiet gentle soul. He was often the smartest person in the room, but you would never know because he always lead with his humility. Uncle Obed possessed a self deprecating sense of humour, was quick to laugh, and loved a well crafted joke. He unfortunately could never tell a good joke because in the retelling he would start laughing before delivering the punch line. Uncle Obed loved to learn and was a consummate student. After finishing his formal education, he broadened his knowledge as an enthusiastic reader (his preference often being historical novels and biographies about inventors and world leaders). He was always eager to impart and discuss his new found knowledge. My Uncle believed strongly in taking responsibility for your actions. He was often the first to pitch in and lend a hand, but he would rarely "cash in" a favour and never wanted to put anyone out; he hated being a perceived burden, trying his best to always be self reliant. Although there was a bit of a delay and a few obstacles along the way Obed married his high school sweetheart, "the girl next door" Evelyn Ford, who was the love of his life. Evelyn not only challenged "her Thomas" in debate about abstract ideas (like literature and historical politics) she challenged Obed to go beyond himself, she pushed him to be more outgoing and to ultimately become a better man. Uncle Obed and Evelyn shared a curiosity about the world, and later in life embarked on several travel adventures together; their trip to England being a highlight. My Uncle took great pride in the strength of his family's lineage. He respected and admired both of his parents and tried his best to emulate his father's life and accomplishments. Obed built his dream house next to the family homestead, where he and Evelyn were thankfully able to look after my grandfather in the later part of his life. After my Granddaddy's passing Uncle Obed took over as patriarch of the family. His home became the new gathering spot for the Madden family and he was very happy to host the annual Forth Sunday Homecoming every August. I will be forever grateful to my Uncle for chaperoning my Granddaddy to my Winter Hockey playoff games in Toronto Canada, as well as, making the drive North to both my University Graduation, and my Mother's Masters Graduation....Uncle Obed was always a proud supporter of our accomplishments. Because of his humility I don't think my Uncle truly realized how much he was admired, respected, and will be missed. PJ (Paul Jason) Tarasuk, Scarborough ON, Canada

December 23 at 3:53 PM



Nora Mulhern January 8 at 8:12 AM

Very well said, PJ! Your Uncle was a great man!



Marie Lynn (Myrtle) Hughes January 7 at 6:47 AM

A beautiful tribute!



Art Tarasuk December 30 at 5:20 PM

If you experienced the privilege of meeting and getting to know Obed. you would realize that his nephew P. J captured the essence of his soul and the depth of his character. Rest in peace good man. Art Tarasuk



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Julua Miles Church Clerk lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Deepest Condolences to Sister Evelyn Madden and The Madden Family. The Madden name will forever be a part of Ebenezer B.C. history. God bless the family during the time of bereavement. Ebenezer Church Family Julia Miles Church Ckerk

December 26 at 12:10 PM



Peggy Dinkins lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Our deepest condolences to Evelyn and the Madden Family! RIP Obed 🕯️

December 24 at 10:24 AM



Anonymous sent a sympathy card to the Madden family.

December 24 at 7:31 AM



Darlene Gallahan posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Madden Family. Darlene and Dennis Gallahan

December 24 at 5:28 AM



Denise Smith lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Sending condolences to the Madden family on the loss of Mr. Madden. RIP. Denise Smith

December 23 at 5:28 PM





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BM

Beverly Minor posted:

Thomasene, so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother Thomas. It's been quite some time since I've seen him. Sending my condolences and prayers to you and your family.

December 23 at 3:53 PM

RW

Reg Wells December 24 at 1:44 PM

What an impressive resume for an impressive man. The Madden family is awesome! May he Rest In Peace, and continue to share his wisdom and intellect with those he will be meeting in the future. Reg Wells Brick, NJ

CS

Cynthia Siira December 24 at 7:55 AM

Evelyn, I was so sorry to read about Thomas passing away. You have my heartfelt condolences and I'll be thinking about you and Galen.

MB

Mary "Ease" Minor-Barnett December 23 at 4:51 PM

Evelyn, I was just informed of Thomas death. My thoughts, prayers and condolences are with you and your family. Love, Mary "Ease" Minor-Barnett

MM

Michael Mcghee December 23 at 4:23 PM

Evelyn, So sorry to here of Thomas passing, I enjoyed talking to you all when I got a chance to visit. With our busy hectic lives, we don't get to visit as much as we should. My condolences and prayers to you and your family.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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