



## Michael Madden

October 31, 1946 - July 18, 2024

Michael Madden, 77 of Freehold, New York passed away on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Sunrise Assisted Living of Marlboro in Marlboro, New Jersey.

Born Thursday, October 31, 1946 in New York, New York, Michael was the son of the late Michael and Doris Madden.

Michael was raised in the Howard Beach neighborhood of Queens. After graduating from John Adams High School, Michael enlisted in the United States Navy. He served his country honorably during the Vietnam War, serving aboard the USS Mauna Loa.

After receiving an Honorable Discharge from the Navy Michael returned back to Queens and would start a long career with the NYC Department of Sanitation.

Michael continued to live in Queens for many years, until his retirement in 1990. He then moved to Florida for a few years, before Hurricane Hugo forced his return north to Upstate New York. Michael settled in Freehold, NY, in his family's longtime country home. There Michael enjoyed walking his 14 acres with his dogs, and going hiking in the woods. Michael enjoyed listening to music of the 60's and 70's as well as watching movies, his favorite being, Across the Universe. He loved watching wildlife as they foraged close to his

home. He spent months researching his ancestry and creating an extensive family tree dating all the way back to 0438BC. Most of all, Michael treasured spending his days with his favorite companion, his dog Willy. While living in Freehold, Michael worked with Owens Corning for 10 years.

Michael was a man of strong faith, and that showed in his good nature. Always with a smile and willing to spend his time with you, Michael was the kind of man who you immediately liked and felt comfortable being with. He will be deeply missed by all those that love him.

Michael is survived by his beloved daughter Tracey Clair and her husband Steve, by his loving siblings, Sharon James, James Madden and his wife Michele, and Dennis Madden and his wife Glenda, by his faithful dog Willy, by a wonderful aunt and by many caring nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A celebration of life is being planned for a later date.

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ If you know my Uncle Michael, you know his daughter Tracey was the absolute NUMBER ONE LOVE and priority in his life!! —Always! Uncle Michael often showed up at my mom’s unannounced—he drove out to us to do his laundry—, sometimes with fireworks, or the hottest new thing—a Sony Walkman comes to mind... when the bus dropped us off and we saw Uncle Michael’s car in our driveway we knew we would have a fun weekend!! Now that I am an adult I realize how hard it must have been for him to get Tracey together with Richard and I, being divorced, and with everything else going on ....but he did... And Tracey and Richard and I have some really fantastic memories together! When I look back— that was his greatest gift to us for sure, because now, this past month, Tracey and I had each other at one of the most stressful times of our lives. Thankyou Uncle Michael for Everything...Your road to heaven may have been crazy highs and lows and zig zag turns but I know by the end of your crooked road you were on a straight path thru the gates of heaven to a pain free eternity! Fly with the Angels Uncle Michael I know you earned your wings! You were a great Father —Tracey knows you fiercely love her. And you set an amazing example to Rich and I too. You are a great Uncle. I love you!

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Dawn Aitchison - August 04, 2024 at 08:04 PM

BS

“ Rest in Peace my dear cousin Michael. I will miss you. I will hold tight the wonderful memories we had growing up together and the fun times. Until we meet again. 🙏 love you, Bonnie

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Bonnie Sabella - July 24, 2024 at 06:52 AM

CB

“ Michael was my 1st cousin. I got to text with him about a month ago. I am so glad I got to tell him how much he always meant to me. I love you Michael see you on the other side. Love Cathy.

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Catherine Brown - July 22, 2024 at 12:32 AM

JF

“ Dear Michael,

*Although I didn't know you as well as my older siblings did, the way they spoke of you always painted a picture of the cool and caring person you were. The last time I saw you was at a wedding, where our conversation left a lasting impression on me. Your 22-page handwritten letter, filled with mentions of the Lord Jesus Christ, spoke volumes about your love and concern for me. It was clear that you wanted nothing but the best for me, and for that, I am truly grateful.*

*Knowing that you were a believer in Christ Jesus brings comfort not only to me but to your family as well. Your faith and love will always be remembered. I believe you are now at home, reunited with loved ones. When you see my brother Freddy, please let him know that Zachary is doing well and I am always here for him.*

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." - John 14:27*

*Rest in peace, Michael.*

*With heartfelt condolences,  
James Fegel*

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James Fegel - July 21, 2024 at 09:33 PM

JP

“ We grew up together, like brothers. He was a very special guy and will surely be missed by everyone. And Mike , if you can see this in heaven, when you see Grandpa, ask him to take you fishing and he will (and you know how much you both loved to do that). I miss you Mike ....

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**Jim Perrone** - July 21, 2024 at 04:00 PM

RJ

“ My uncle Michael... For many years he would show up at my parents house with a paper bag or a cardboard box. In those were fireworks. Totally illegal and totally awesome. Bottle rockets, roman candles, 1# rockets, firecrackers, jumping jacks, helicopters, etc. and it was incredible, fun and exciting. My friends and i would shoot them in the sky and at each other. We would build contraptions to make them "better" and adjust there fuses for more excitement. When i was in my late teens he pulled me aside and asked me why my eyes looked a certain way, i was so busted, and we both laughed about it. During Woodstock '94 he let my freinds and i crash at his place. He enjoyed his meats very well done and covered in salt, which i celebrated on the day he passed, and it was amazingly good. I did not see him often but i will miss him.

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**Rich James** - July 21, 2024 at 03:42 PM

LC

*RIP MY OLD FRIEND! MICHAEL & I have been friends for over or very close to 50 years! I have such great memories of us traveling to FL. WE started on the mile high club. Oh NO NOT THAT KIND! LOL we lit up a joint in 1st class. As the plane went up so did we!!! It was great. The stewardess were buckled in like everyone else. But boy oh boy once that plane leveled out. They were all over us. You cant do that they protested. We just shrugged our shoulders & said our apologizes & laughed. As they walked away! The airlines checked my luggage ever since. Lol and here it is almost legal & legal to alot of places. And we would laugh at now neither one of us smoke anymore! That was just one of Michael's & I s great adventures!! By the way that was late 70s early 80s!! He was loved & will be very missed! By myself and his Family & other friends! Tracy my prayers are with you sweetie! Xo  
Lorraine xoxo*

Lorraine Carty - July 21, 2024 at 05:46 PM

PM

*Michael I will miss you so much. You are now with Jesus Christ and grandma and grandpa your mom. No more pain. I know you are very proud of Tracy . To all my kids you were the cool one..Rest In heavenly Peace love you*

pat moran - July 21, 2024 at 06:37 PM

MB

*Mike was our neighbor and dear friend for the past 17 years on Vly Road in Freehold, NY. He was a pure Gentleman, always had a smile and loved to have a chat. He adored his little dogs, they never left his side, he enjoyed his walks and he would come down the road to our house to pick the eggs, he would come to our BBQ's and chat with all the neighbors. He made sure to come and say goodbye before he left for NJ as he knew he wasn't coming back which had to be hard for him. Tracey, cherish all the memories that you had with your Dad - Mike will never be forgotten on Vly Road, he will remain in our hearts forever, fly high with the Angels Mike, may you rest in peace. Margaret & Gerry Brady*

Margaret & Gerry Brady - July 22, 2024 at 08:08 AM