



Francis Xavier Madden

July 19, 1935 - March 21, 2021

Francis Xavier Madden, 85, died Saturday, March 20, 2021 at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was a devout member of the Saints Peter & Paul parish, where he served as an usher for many years.

Born July 19, 1935, in Ashland, PA he was raised there the son of the late Anna (Klassen) Madden and known as “Sanko” by his anthracite family in Schuylkill County.

Following graduation from Ashland High School in 1953, Frank was drafted into the United States Army. He often said he conquered the Mohave Desert and held it for two years. It was also reported that while there, he tended to the garden of the General’s wife, which perhaps led to his life-long interest in gardening. He also distinguished himself as a marksman during his military service.

Upon his honorable discharge from the US Army, he returned to Ashland PA to court his ‘best girl’ and love of his life, Anne Marie (“Annie”) Schuyler. They were wed on November 25, 1961, at St. Mauritius Church in Ashland.

Frank spent many autumn days in his younger years traveling from northern Schuylkill County to hunt the hills of Sullivan and Bradford Counties. It was an employment ad in a Philadelphia newspaper describing an upstart hardboard plant in Bradford Co. that caught his attention. He interviewed in Philadelphia for a position at the Towanda Masonite plant and was hired on December 27, 1965, before the plant was operational and where he spent his career, and

eventually retired as the Director of Technical Services in 1997 after 32 years at the mill. He developed many friendships at the plant and was proud, despite the occasional challenges, to be part of the shared purpose of successfully managing the business and marketing the renewable hardwood resources of the area. The job took him around the world to China, Europe, and the Netherlands.

Together with his wife, he built four different homes in the Towanda area, but Asylum Twp. and its residents held a special place for him. It was in 1966 that he built the first family home there, before relocating briefly to a Masonite facility in Cincinnati, OH. Upon return, with his children of school age, he and Annie built a home in Towanda nearer the schools, where they lived until they reset their roots again in Asylum Twp. with the purchase of a property in 1993. It was there that his stewardship inclination could be exercised in the woodland and fields encompassing the property. He planted trees by the hundreds and made timber stand improvements that only later generations could enjoy. He also served as an Asylum Twp. supervisor and on the workforce development board of the Northern-Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Frank was an avid beagler and outdoorsman, which was an anchor to some of his many friendships. He judged field trials by horse in his day and has been a member of the Towanda Beagle Club for well over a half century. He was also a member of the South Mountain Hunting Club, The Towanda Gun Club, The Elks Club, The Knights of Columbus and a former member of the Towanda Country Club, Quarry Glenn, and Wheel Inn. He was an avid American dart shooter and spent many years competing in the Bradford county dart league. He enjoyed traveling with his precious Annie, particularly south during the late winter to get a jump on the golfing season. The pair also most recently delighted in a cruise through the Panama Canal. The canal was a civil engineering feat that his uncle 'Colonel' Frank worked on after his WWI discharge as the finishing touches to the project were being completed. Perhaps Frank's greatest joy was keeping up with his children and

grandchildren, always having the utmost interest in their careers and accomplishments on and off the field of sports. He was his grandchildren's greatest fan and encourager. He was looking forward to meeting his first great-grandson in June.

His family will miss the fruits and vegetables from his garden and the voluminous foraged wild blueberries from Barclay and South Mountain. There were few that could out pick him when the berries were ripe, and the whole family was expected to participate.

Blessed with his ever-witty remarks, surviving are his wife, the former Anne Marie Schuyler, with whom he spent a wonderful 59 years of marriage; a son, Mark (Kelly) Madden of Towanda, PA; a daughter, Ann (Jeffrey) Smith of Towanda, PA; five grandchildren, Morgan Madden of Williamsport, PA, Taylor (Cole) Long of Towanda, PA, Schuyler, Simon and David Smith, all of Towanda, PA; a great-granddaughter Larayiuia Clark; an Aunt Marie Gough of Mount Carmel; many nieces and nephews, and friends. He shared many special times playing in the Towanda Country Club Invitational Tournament with his nephew Thad Madden of Coatesville, PA.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Monica Madden; brothers William Madden and Lawrence Madden; and a step-sister Catherine Dando.

Calling hours will be held Friday, March 26, 2021 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Towanda, PA. Interment will follow at Saints Peter & Paul Cemetery, N. Towanda, PA. A time of sharing and celebrating his life will take place later in the afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Towanda Gun Club, and all are welcome.

The family would like to commend and thank the many people with the Guthrie organization including staff with the Towanda Campus and Robert Packer Hospitals, the Bradford County Manor, and Guthrie Hospice, who tended to his care and helped the family over the last month.

Memorial contributions can be directed to St. Agnes School, 102 3rd Street, Towanda, PA, where all his children and grandchildren once attended.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting

www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery

30 James Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Service

MAR 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church
106 Third Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ Francis Xavier Madden

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Francis Xavier Madden

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Francis Xavier Madden

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Francis Xavier Madden

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Francis Xavier Madden

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

SM

“ *It's never too late to express one's feelings
Of losing a friend! I met Frank Madden in
1959! I was station at Camp Irwin, Ca
I was the Chaplains Asst! Frank was the Gardner for Gen Sullivan!
We explored Death Valley and Las Vegas! We caught up with one
another after the service and I and a friend
Went up to Ashland for a weekend visit! He and his wife to be Annie
took us over to Frackvillle where we dance and thoroughly
enjoy our time with Frank and Annie! I tried
to find Frank but never could contact! Frank as many of you know
was a wonderful person an I was fortunate to have met him and
share great memories with him! My heart and thoughts go out to
hisfamily!
Sam Maben, lansdale, Pa 215-378-0663
I never met his son So if anyone who may read this please have
him contact me for a chat! Thanks*

Sam Maben - May 17, 2023 at 06:25 PM

CS

“ *Dear Anne and family,
Sending you all caring thoughts and sincere
condolences for your loving husband, father,
and grandfather! May all your wonderful
memories sustain you through your grief and
bring smiles to your faces as you remember this wonderful man!
Blessings to you all.
Carole Snyder or as Frank always called me“Snydlier”*



Carole Snyder - March 31, 2021 at 01:36 PM

BC

“ I was a salesman with Masonite and shared a friendship and a life tragedy with Frank. My sincere condolences to his family. Frank was/is a wonderful person who added to anyone he came in contact with in business or personal life. Fly high my friend enjoy your rewards!!!!

Brian Chadwick - March 31, 2021 at 07:19 AM

MD

“ Ann, So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Prayers for you and your family at this time. God Bless. Mary DeAlba

Mary DeAlba - March 30, 2021 at 03:07 PM

PK

“ Dear Anne and family,

I was very sad to hear of Franks passing. We had a lot of fun together and George and I were honored to have known both of you for so many years. Frank was a wonderful man, good hunter and will be missed greatly by those of us who were lucky enough to call him friend.

Love,

Polly Karschner

Polly Karschner - March 29, 2021 at 03:18 PM

VA

“ *Such a wonderful man.....and a life well lived and enjoyed. We are saddened by the news of his passing, and send you our love and prayers.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Val and John Morningstar*

Val - March 29, 2021 at 10:16 AM

CH

“ *Prayers & thoughts are with you at this sad time. Frank was a very friendly & kind man. May He rest in peace. Thinking of you Anne, Mark & Ann & families.*



Charmaine - March 26, 2021 at 01:28 PM

AR

“ *Anne, Mark & Ann,
I am so sorry for your loss. I have many childhood memories but my favorite is when Ann & I tried to make pancakes for breakfast from scratch and ended up with hard candy cakes that we couldn't get out of the pan! I am so glad that I have those and many more memories, and that Frank and your family was a part of my life. May all your memories make you smile during this difficult time. God bless you all.*

Ann Marie Roof - March 26, 2021 at 10:28 AM

TA

“ Anne, Mark, Ann and Families,
I was saddened to read about Frank's passing. He certainly lived a rich, full life. He was as a true steward of the land and left things better than he found them. I enjoyed hunting with him at Green Hills. I send love and prayers to you at this sad time.

Tom Abell - March 26, 2021 at 07:58 AM

MB

“ thoughts and prayers to the family on your loss frank was one very loving and kind man was glad to have known him

marleta bailey - March 25, 2021 at 10:38 PM

DM

“ My deepest sympathies to the Madden Family. Our prayers are with you. - Gregory Martin.

Dr. Gregory Martin - March 25, 2021 at 01:16 PM

LW

“ Mark and family-so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at the difficult time.-laurie welch

Laurie Welch - March 25, 2021 at 12:57 PM

HK

“ My deepest condoences to the family in your loss. May you all be comforted by each other's love and memories of your loved one.

Hope Goode Kline - March 25, 2021 at 12:51 PM

GM

“ Dear Anne Marie and family,
I was so sad to hear of Sanko's passing. Ted and I send our deepest condolences and we will keep you all in our prayers during this difficult time.

Ginny & Ted Marquardt - March 25, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Francis Xavier Madden.



March 25, 2021 at 10:57 AM

JM

“ We are so sorry for your loss.

Jimmy / Norma Miracle-Ear - March 25, 2021 at 10:27 AM

JS

“ To all of the Madden Family
Rodney and I are very sorry for your loss. May you be comforted by the memories you hold dear. He will be missed by many.
Sincerely,
Jeanne and Rodney Schoonover

Jeanne Schoonover - March 25, 2021 at 10:08 AM

CH

“ Dear Ann, Mark, Ann and all of the family,
My deepest condolences in the loss of Frank.
He was the nicest guy, a good man, and
always nice when I waited on him in the store.



Claire Holton-Lizon - March 25, 2021 at 09:10 AM

GC

“ Deepest sympathy to the Madden Family on the passing of Frank. I
babysat for Ann and him when they were on Kingsbury Avenue..
And Garry worked at Masonite with him. A nice man and a genuine
gentleman.
Sincerely, Garry & DeLores Cobb

Garry Cobb - March 25, 2021 at 08:10 AM

RP

“ So sorry to here, frank was a very good and fair man will miss him
at the credit union dinner

Rick Potter - March 25, 2021 at 07:19 AM