



Matthew J. Madden

October 18, 1951 - May 17, 2014

Matthew “Matt” Madden, 62, passed away Saturday, May 17, 2014 at home, his family at his side, after fighting a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Matt was born in Coulee Dam, Washington and lived in Yakima and Seattle before settling down in Moses Lake. He graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1969, and then continued his education at Central Washington University where he graduated with a degree in Education. He started working at Basic American Foods (then American Potato) in 1973 and was employed there over 40 years. He met his wife, Melodie, at work and they married in 1984. He was a wonderful father to their daughter, Alicia.

Matt enjoyed his life to the fullest and loved his family and friends. He golfed, snow skied, water skied, and absolutely loved to ride his Harley. As a young man he played guitar in several bands and he always had a deep love for music. He liked to travel and took his family, including grandchildren, on several wonderful vacations that will never be forgotten.

Matt had a wonderful, wry sense of humor and was easy to love. He was open, non-judgmental and had a deep faith. He was a good, solid man who people depended on – he would always do the right thing. He will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Melodie, daughter Alicia and son-in-law Alex Low and their three children Madison, Kaitlynn and Jaidyn, sister Marilyn Sjolund, brother Mike (Judy) Madden, foster brother Clayton Bearleggs, brother-in-law Huffman Smith, sister in law Stephanie Smith (Frank Burton)

and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Marcella Madden, brother-in-law Ken Sjolund and sister-in-law Judy Smith.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 24 at 10:00 at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Moses Lake, with burial at St. Joseph Cemetery in Spokane, Washington to follow at a later date. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserchapel.com .

Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Previous Events

Service

MAY **24**. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
416 E. Nelson Road
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

RD

“ *I played keyboards with Matt 1977-1988
I went to school with Doug Kagele 1960-1973*

*I met Melodie when Matt introduced me to her a very short while
before they were wed where I stood as Best Man.*

I lost contact with the Maddens ~circa 1988.

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Ritz Dyck - December 10, 2015 at 02:14 PM

DK

“ May 17th, 2014 Shannon and I lost one of our friends Matt Madden. Not just a good friend but one of my best friends of which I have very few. In fact, I can count my best friends on one hand and certainly not use all of my fingers. Now I have one less finger to use. We were kind of like brothers, sharing the same core values of life. We agreed on how to treat our wives and children but it was never spoken between us, just something we did. Shannon and I have been in touch with the Madden family for more than 35 years and have shared many life experiences, some good, and some not so good. But even in the not so good times Matt always seemed to smooth the issue out. Sure, it might have meant a 30 minute lecture, but he always made sense! The Kageles and Maddens have made some recent outings together that were quite memorable. Matt and I are both Libras so the four of us would try to do something to celebrate our birthdays. One October we went to Laughlin, NV where we had a great time spotting beavers along the shores of the Colorado River and sampling the beers of the local brewery. Then there was the Aerosmith concert at the Tacoma dome. Words can't describe how incredible that concert was, and Matt was a live music fan to the fullest. You could ask him about the drummer or the bass player of some long forgotten band and he would know exactly where they were these days, or who they play with now, not to mention the lyrics of that long forgotten song! Our most recent trip was to New Orleans last October. A whole week of live music, local cuisine, interesting characters, and an alligator swamp tour. We're thankful we had all these years of memories with Matt. So try not to be sad because Matt's journey has just begun. It's a journey we don't know anything about yet, but we will someday take the same path. And when that day happens, I'm going to do my best to bump right into him again. Take care my friend. Love you,
Doug & Shannon

Doug & Shannon Kagele - May 23, 2014 at 10:42 PM

GJ

“ Craig and I are sorry for your loss. May the love of God help us all in this time of sorrow.

Gayla and Craig Johnson

Gayla Johnson - May 22, 2014 at 10:08 PM

PM

“ I have been a friend and coworker with Matt for almost four years. Hewas won of the best people I have had the pleasure to know. he will be greatly missed. sorry for your loss.

Patrick L Moore

Patrick L. Moore - May 21, 2014 at 10:40 AM

JC

Matt was and always will be my friend, He had a way of talking to you as he cared and would do anything to help. his soft spoken voice hid the strong man inside. Not only will I miss him as my friend but as my ultimate source of 'RocknRoll" trivia. Melodie my heart hurts for your loss.

Jim Clark - May 23, 2014 at 10:47 AM