



John Joseph Madara

May 30, 1931 - March 25, 2023

John Joseph Madara, 91, born May 30, 1931 in Shamokin, PA passed from this earth peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Country Meadows Retirement Community, Mechanicsburg, PA.

John, also known as “Jack” to those closest to him, made his home in Camp Hill, PA where he lived with the love of his life of 60 years (as of May 2011), Nancy. John is survived by his three children, William P. Madara (Sherry) of Harrisburg, Susan E. Thiessen (Paul) of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Beth Ann Marzano (Frank) of Edgemere/Sparrows Point, MD, six grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren with one more to arrive shortly before what would’ve been John’s 92nd birthday.

A “Celebration of Life” service will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at Musselman Funeral Home, 324 Hummel Avenue, Lemoyne. PA . The family will receive visitors beginning at 10 am with the service beginning at 11 am. A luncheon reception at Duke’s Bar & Grill, 313 S. Front St, Wormleysburg, PA, will begin with beverages at 12:00 and a buffet at 12:30. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you, Tyler at Musselman Funeral Home, for taking care of all the funeral details and arrangements.

We offer our sincerest thanks and deepest gratitude to the many caregivers at Country Meadows Retirement Community who interacted with John since he moved into his lovely new home in July 2018. John lived his life with the attitude that “kindness begets kindness”. In turn he was treated by his caregivers with kindness, dignity and respect demonstrated by their genuine care and concern for his wellbeing. Their actions were integral in helping John settle into his new surroundings making him feel at home, comfortable and part of the community throughout his time there. John had a way of bringing out the best in people, and the caregivers’ smiles and frequent visits to John’s room just to say “hello” and then, after John’s passing, to offer their sincere hugs and tears, were a testament to how he brightened many of their days.

The brightest light in John’s life was “his Nancy”, and he had missed her dearly every day for the past 12 years. Although we are saddened by John’s passing and will miss him very much, we are comforted by the countless, precious memories of our time with him throughout our lives. Our sadness is brightened, and we truly know joy and peace as we imagine the heavenly reunion of John and Nancy’s hearts. “Oh, Jack, welcome. I’m so glad you’re finally home where you belong with me,” Nancy might have whispered. What a beautiful moment in heaven that must have been!

One of the best things about Heaven is that we will be able to reunite with loved ones who have already passed on. It will be the greatest family reunion we’ve ever known, with our loved ones, relatives and ancestors all together in one place at the same time, rejoicing. All together at last! -David Berg

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Musselman Funeral Home & Cremation Services
324 Hummel Avenue
Lemoyne , PA 17043

Celebration of Life

APR 3. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Luncheon

APR 3. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Duke's Riverside Bar & Grill
313 S. Front Street
Wormleysburg, PA 17043

Hostess will direct guests to the 2nd floor room. Elevator available. 12:00: Beverages (coffee, tea, pop, water) available at bar in reserved room. 12:30-3:00: Buffet - Build Your Own Sandwich, sides, salads and desserts.

Burial

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

East Donegal Cemetery
Maytown, PA

Tribute Wall

GL

“ *Bill, Susan, Beth and the entire Madara family,
My (Gwen) history with John goes back to Maytown days when he,
Nancy and Bill lived next door, and as a young girl John would cut
my hair in my parents' basement. After we moved to Harrisburg, he
became the hair stylist for me, my husband and both of our sons.
I've never forgotten the needlework sign in John's and Ted's shop
that read "We are beauticians not Magicians"! It was a sad day
when John retired, after being our stylist for over 20 years. At each
appointment John would catch me up-to-date on the latest Madara
family happenings and any new Maytown news. It was clear how in
love he was with Nancy and how proud he was of each one of you.
Our deepest sympathies to all of you,*

Gwen and Tom Long

Gwen Long - April 11, 2023 at 08:18 PM

DS

“ *Dear Bill, Sue and Beth. Was informed last night of your dad's
passing. So glad that your parents were a part of my life. Always will
remember Jack's smile and kindness. Memorial Day in Maytown
has not been the same without your parents, Dottie and Sip, and my
mother. Please know that you are in my thoughts. Sincerely,
Deborah Hollenbaugh Smith*

Deborah Hollenbaugh Smith - April 05, 2023 at 06:15 PM

MC

“ Dear Sue, Beth, Bill and the Madara family, John was my hairdresser for many years but more importantly he was my friend. He was kind, generous, witty, gave great fatherly advice, and made a mean french silk pie! When it was my turn in the chair he would always say "it's your turn to be beautiful!". I was blessed to have known him. My deepest sympathy.

Mary Cain

mary cain - April 03, 2023 at 06:19 PM

NJ

“ I am sad to read of John's passing. He was a dear friend of my mother, Genny Roddy. We all have been in the hairdressing business for many years. John was always so kind and taught me along with Jim Sterling and my mother at Ken-Delle Beauty School. He was a pleasure to know and will be missed by many. Rest in Peace John.

Nancy Roddy Jones

Nancy Roddy Jones - April 02, 2023 at 10:55 AM

SH

“ So sorry to read of John's passing. He was such a loving and kind man, always open to a friend. My sympathy to his family on their loss. Mickey Shapiro

Shapiro - April 02, 2023 at 09:39 AM

SM

“ Dear John, I have known you for more than half of my life. You and Nancy always made me feel like one of your own. So many memories were made with you and it was always about family! You will forever be my favorite father-in-law just as you would say to me I was your favorite daughter-in-law (as we joked I was your only daughter-in-law ❤️.)

Sherry Madara - April 02, 2023 at 08:30 AM

BM

“ Dearest Dad, Where do I begin.....you were the best of the best Dad's. Us kids, could not have asked for a better loving, caring and compassionate parent. You and Mom are now together and oh how I wish I could have been there to see that reunion, you are now with YOUR Nancy. I love you Dad with all my heart, and I miss you terribly, but I know you are at peace and are once again happy. Please watch over us. Love your FAVORITE Daughter, Beth Ann. ❤️
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Beth Madara - March 31, 2023 at 07:58 AM

BL

I was honored to work for John while I was in beauty school and then hired to work full time. I learned so much from him. Thank you for my salon career ❤️
Betsy Griffith Lyons

Betsy Lyons - March 31, 2023 at 07:52 PM

MH

It was far to long ago that I saw John the last time, but enjoyed my time chatting about family and furniture. My great uncle made some of the furniture for John and Nancy. During my visit he was showing me a desk that my uncle had made for him and it was missing a handle, and by chance I had a box of hardware from my uncles shop and found him a replacement handle. I have fond memories of John and Nancy and my prayers go out to your family during this difficult time.

*Fondly
Mike Hakes*

mike hakes - April 01, 2023 at 06:54 PM

MF

I met John at a bereavement session at Holy Spirit Hospital in 2014 after my husband's passing. A group of us became friends during and after the meetings. We shared many lunches together and when he could no longer travel well he invited us into his beautiful home in Camp Hill. What a wonderful man he was. I will always remember his kindness. Peace and prayers to you all. Mary Ann T Fulginiti

Mary Ann T Fulginiti - April 02, 2023 at 11:57 AM