



## Michael (Mike) John Madden

October 23, 1948 - April 29, 2020

Michael (Mike) John Madden passed away on April 29, 2020 in Orlando, Florida surrounded by his family after a hard fought battle with Glioblastoma Multiforme. Michael was born on October 23, 1948 in Chicago, Illinois to parents Edward and Eleanor (Macht) Madden.

Michael grew up in Chicago attending St. Mel's High School before being drafted into the Vietnam War in 1967. After serving one tour of duty and rising to the ranks of Lieutenant, he returned to the Chicago Area in a wheelchair. He was told that he might never walk again, but his relentless drive and determination took over and he proved the doctors wrong. After several long months in rehabilitation, Michael made a full recovery and went on to continue a successful career in the retail industry. He worked at Jewel Foods for several years, climbing the ranks to Director of Transportation. During this time, he earned his bachelor's degree from Lake Forest School of Management in 1978.

In 1987 he moved to Mahwah, New Jersey and began working at Toys R Us, where he held various upper management positions and eventually earned the title of President of US Operations before leaving in 1999. As President and COO of Trans World Entertainment, he briefly moved to Albany, New York before relocating to Windermere, Florida for the first time and starting Madden Associates, Inc. In 2003, Michael became the CEO of Musicland Inc. in

Minnesota and commuted from Florida for the next three years. He then moved back to Mahwah, New Jersey where Michael continued his impressive career as President and CEO of Argix Direct. Eventually settling in Windermere, Florida for good in 2009, Michael decided to take on one more prominent role as the CEO and President of Vitamin World.

Michael has received many accolades in both his professional life and charitable works. He served as a Board Member for the Children's Brain Tumor Cancer Foundation, Bergen Community College and The House of Hope. He also supported many additional charities both in Orlando and the Tri-state area, including Bergen CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Central Florida Women's League, St. Jude, and Disabled American Veterans. As a health and exercise fanatic, Michael completed numerous marathons and continued to run almost daily. When he was not working, exercising, coaching his son's travel and AAU basketball teams, or spending time with his family, he would be found with a book in his hands, being an avid reader with an affinity for mystery novels. He had a great love for all the canine companions in his life and will be greatly missed by Zeus and Chanel.

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Elizabeth (Mora) Madden, his children: Toni (Joe) Burdick, Nicole (James) Andersen, Jaqueline Madden (Giovanni) Mazzacca, and Michael Madden Jr., and his grandchildren: Matt, AJ, Will, Emily, Leah, and Celeste.

He is also survived by his sisters, Mary (Jim) Jones and Judy (George) Ardolino, his sister-in-law Orysia Madden, as well as many close nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Edward Madden, Patrick Madden, and Jerry Madden.

A Catholic Funeral at Holy Family Catholic Church in Orlando, Florida and Celebration of Life is planned for this summer and his ashes will be placed at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

Flowers can be sent to The Madden Family (All flowers will be donated to the Children's Brain Tumor Foundation immediately following the funeral):

11103 Camden Park Drive  
Windermere, Florida 34786

Donations can be made to the Children's Brain Tumor Foundation in memory of Michael Madden. <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E2744&id=1>

Family and Friends are invited to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in Mike's memory.

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ I was Mike's assistant at TRU (80s) and want to say he was a true professional and hard worker. He was fair and kind to me and I knew he would always be successful. I remember how important family was to him. So sorry to hear of his passing, but I think of him every Christmas when I look at the Santa music box he gave me. Condolences to all family members. RIP Mike. Sherrie Mobilia

Sherrie Mobilia - April 30, 2024 at 09:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael (Mike) John Madden.



July 09, 2020 at 03:26 PM

EL

“ Elizabeth and family. Just learned of Mike's passing. Sorry to hear. He was a terrific person. Our prayers to the entire family. Miss you all. Your former neighbors across the street in Mahwah.

Ed & Michele Lazor

Edward Lazor - July 05, 2020 at 04:03 AM

EM

“ Please let me know if you will attend the Celebration of life at the Golden bear club at 5 pm . I have to give a number a few days prior . Looking forward to celebrating Mike's life with you ❤️🙏

Elizabeth Madden - June 16, 2020 at 11:13 PM

GS

“ As Mike's assistant for 2 years, I really got to know him well and saw first hand what kind of person he was. He was a true gentleman, a great businessman, a devoted husband and father and had a heart of gold. He always was upbeat and a bright light in this world. His kindness extended to every person he met and he treated everyone with respect and kindness. Mike, it was my honor to work with you and to have know you and you will forever be missed! Fondly, Gina Shaughnessy

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**Gina Shaughnessy** - May 10, 2020 at 01:06 PM

DF

Mike was such an amazing man. Frankly, they just don't make them like mike anymore. RIP my friend 🙏

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**dan foley** - June 12, 2020 at 08:24 PM

JO

“ Such a wonderful man! I will always have fond memories of him dancing with Jackie at her wedding!! My thoughts and prayers are with Jackie and her family. Love, Joni

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**joni** - May 09, 2020 at 07:38 PM

JH

“ Mike,

Enjoyed getting to know you at the WPS football games. While I did not know you well, your love and dedication to your family was clear and present all of the times we talked. Rest In Peace my friend.

*Jim Heaney*

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**jim heaney** - May 09, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Mike accomplished so much in his life and gave so much of himself to his family, friends and community. My admiration of him is lifelong and I'm proud to have been his brother in law. You are already greatly missed.*

*Jim Jones*

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**Mary Jones** - May 09, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *What a great guy. Always willing to lend a helping hand. Thank you Mike ❤️  
Love and prayers to Liz, Jackie and the rest of the family...we Love you*

*Gino & Angela Caporale*

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**Gino Caporale** - May 09, 2020 at 11:21 AM