



## Ralph Stewart Madden Sr.

August 15, 1940 - September 29, 2022

Ralph Stewart Madden Sr., 82, of Red Oak, TX passed away from Pulmonary Fibrosis on Thursday, September 29, 2022. He passed peacefully at home after saying a final goodbye to his family, who he loved more than anything.

Ralph was born on August 15, 1940, in Henry County, KY to William Madden and Allie Stewart. During his younger years, Ralph grew up splitting his time between a family farm in Ballardsville, KY and living with his mother in Detroit, MI. After graduating high school in 1958 in Gaylord, MI, Ralph moved back to Detroit and started a career in data processing working for Blue Cross Blue Shield. It was during this time that not only did Ralph discover his love of business and data processing but also met the love of his life, Deana Marquez.

Ralph and Deana married on November 5, 1960 and quickly had a growing family. In the 1970's, Ralph developed an intense love for the Dallas area after visiting for work, and he vowed to relocate his family to Texas if ever given the opportunity. A few years later, he made good on his promise and moved his family to Lancaster, Texas where Ralph and Deana raised their family for decades.

Once in Texas, Ralph completed the business banking program at Southern Methodist University. He enjoyed a long career working on the executive team

for several large companies including IBM and First Security Bank. Ralph and Deana finally retired in 2005 after settling down in Red Oak. Ralph was passionate about traveling the United States with his beautiful wife, growing the best tomatoes, having the prettiest yard, and watching the Cowboys and Rangers. After several years of retirement, Ralph found a new calling in being an active citizen of Red Oak. He joined the Parks and Recreation Board before becoming an elected City Councilman and eventually Mayor Pro Tem. Ralph was extremely proud to be part of the Red Oak municipal family.

Ralph is preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Maynard Madden of KY; his infant son, Richard; and his eldest son, Brent. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Deana; his son, Ralph; his daughter Alicia; his grandson, Chase; his great-grandson, Jude; and many, many extended family members and friends. Ralph's love for his family was as deep as his love of Texas, and his loss is truly devastating to those who love him.

A celebration of Ralph's life will be at 10:00am on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at Byrum Funeral Home Chapel. Following the service at Byrum Funeral Home, the family will receive guests at their home in Red Oak.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Scottish Rite Hospital of Dallas in his honor.

The service will be live streamed from this site on Ralph's obituary page 5 minutes till 10:00.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Byrum Funeral Home Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Ralph Stewart Madden Sr.*



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**Byrum Funeral Home** - October 04, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ *Posting what was read at the memorial for Mom*

*Ralph was a wonderful husband, a great father and a loyal friend. Best of all, he was my husband! It would have been 62 years next month since I married my best friend and we loved each other so very much. Like any couple, we had our ups and downs, but we had more ups than downs and we were blessed with a beautiful family. When Ralph felt he was right, he was always aggressive in proving his point, but when you proved him wrong, he would just say, “oops” and smile. He had a great smile and I’m lucky enough to have seen it every day for almost 62 years. I’m going to have a big hole in my life but I have a son, daughter, grandson and great grandson that will catch me when I fall and I have lots of friends that will lend support. I want to say thank you to everyone for coming today. Your love is felt by the family.*

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**Alicia Madden** - October 12, 2022 at 01:04 PM

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*Deana, Ralph Jr and Alicia, I am so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. I love y'all very much and will have y'all in my prayers.*  
*Sue Hogue Lawson*

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**Sue Hogue Lawson** - February 25, 2023 at 09:49 PM

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*Ralph Jr, Deana, Alicia, please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. Ralph Sr.'s love will always be with you.*  
*Love and blessings,*  
*Denise Sherwood*

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**Denise Sherwood** - May 05, 2023 at 07:36 PM

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“ Here's mine. It'll take two posts... # 1

*Honey – Sweetie – Daddy - Dad - Popdrops - Pops - Old man – Grandpa - Great Grandpa – Lucky – Possum – Ralph and Senior*

*My Daddy answered to a lot of names and he was loved by many people. He was such a proud man who fiercely loved his family and friends. His word meant something and a handshake meant more than a signed document. Loyalty to the family came first always. He had a quick wit and sharp tongue and if you found yourself on the wrong side of that equation, you were sure to know it, but he loved with the same intensity and when my Daddy loved you, you knew that too! When you lose someone, you find yourself reliving the highlights you had with that person. But in this case Daddy wasn't a highlight IN my life... he was the highlight OF my life and I am truly devastated at the enormous void I already feel. I could stand here all day and talk about my Daddy and if you know me at all, you know that's true, so instead, I'd like to share a few stories that my family and I love.*

*Mom, you are by far the strongest woman I know. You held this family together on many occasions and through times where others may not have stayed, but you did and we love you for it! Over the last few months Daddy told mom so many times how much he loved her. They had great talks that are bringing her comfort now. The love you and Daddy shared is a true inspiration. Daddy wasn't one for grand gestures of romance, but there was one time when there was NO doubt. When we moved back to TX from KY, Daddy was already down here and me, mom and Ralph drove down. Daddy kept telling us to watch for a sign at a certain mile marker. A sign? How will we know? You'll know it when you see it, he said, just watch. Well sure enough, when we got to the mile marker there was a yellow ribbon tied around it. Mom saw it and immediately started crying. My Daddy was so happy we were returning to TX and “tie a yellow ribbon” was a song he and Mom liked so he tied a yellow ribbon on every mile marker for the last 70 miles of our trip! On the*

*final highway exit, there was a chain link fence and it was covered in yellow ribbons. From there he tied them to every stop sign we passed. The final ribbon was on the street sign for Bordner where our new house was. Now that's a man that loves his wife and family!*

*I am so fortunate to have the Daddy I had. I have been a daddy's girl since the day I was born and our bond was so special. Before Daddy passed, he told me he couldn't have placed an order for a daughter and gotten anything as perfect for him as me. He told me he thought I was made for him and I believe that is a fact! My Daddy put me on a pedestal so high and we had so many daddy-daughter traditions. Before we had a pool, we had a galvanized tub that he would fill every weekend. I'd play and he'd soak his feet and read the paper even though it was 100+ degrees. Or when he'd take me for "secret" motorcycle rides. I thought we were so sneaky and getting something over on momma. Softball games and steak on Sunday. He was my biggest fan and staunchest supporter and I idolized him just as much. I am so proud to have his name and to know I'm so much like him helps to heal my heart. I wouldn't be the woman I am today without his influence and support, so thank you Daddy.*

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**Alicia Madden** - October 11, 2022 at 08:42 PM

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“ Here's mine. It'll take two posts... # 2

*I'm comforted to know I am just like him. Sometimes we didn't even have to talk. We could just look at one another and we'd know what the other was thinking. It was scary at times, but that was just us. My poor momma, I don't know how she put up with both of us at the same time! My Daddy and I would bust out with those quick witted zingers and usually we'd both say the same thing at the same time and my poor momma would have sarcasm in stereo... but she didn't fuss at us! Momma, you encouraged and supported the close relationship I had with Daddy. Thank you for allowing me to love him the way I do.*

*Every time it storms, I'll think about you. Each summer when fruit comes into season, I'll think of you as I stop at the roadside stands. Opening day of the Texas State Fair will always be special and I promise to keep you with me when I go for a country drive in my jeep! Daddy, you occupied the majority of my heart and life for so many years, that learning to live without your presence will be my ultimate challenge. I promise I won't let you down and I'll continue to make you proud.*

*Before I end, my family and I would like to acknowledge all of the love and support given to our family by the City of Red Oak during this time. My Daddy was so proud and honored to be a citizen of Red Oak. When he joined the city council, his love only grew. He liked getting attention but he would be so humbled by everything the city and its representatives have done to honor him, so thank you all sincerely.*

*That's it for me. Goodnight Daddy, I love you more!*

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**Alicia Madden** - October 11, 2022 at 08:41 PM

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“ *Ralph was a good person and a friend. He was always there for others. I appreciated his advice and friendship. He will be missed.* ”

Paul Tedesco - October 10, 2022 at 11:43 PM

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“ *Your Dallas Labeling Solutions Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ralph Stewart Madden Sr..* ”



Your Dallas Labeling Solutions Family - October 04, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *5 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Byrum Funeral Home - October 04, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Stewart Madden Sr..* ”



October 04, 2022 at 10:09 AM

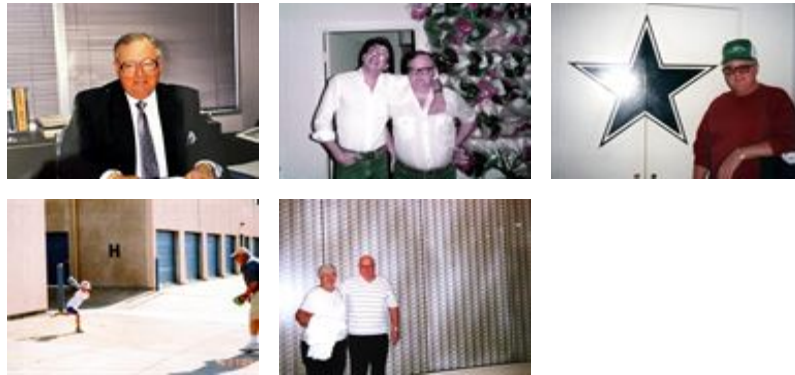
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“ Alicia-- You and your Daddy had the most special relationship. I am so sorry for family's loss. My heart is with you and your family. Love you, Kim Arisue

Kim Arisue - October 03, 2022 at 10:14 PM



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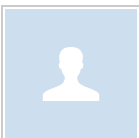


Byrum Funeral Home - October 03, 2022 at 04:40 PM



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Byrum Funeral Home - October 03, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Ralph Stewart Madden Sr..



October 03, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Ralph Stewart Madden Sr..*



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October 03, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Ralph Stewart Madden Sr..*



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October 02, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ *I have known Ralph Madden since 1947. He set behind me in the second grade at LaGrange Ky. grade school. We were 7 years old. After the school year he moved to Michigan with his mother and we lost contact until I married his brother Maynard and I was his sister in law. He's always called me "Sis" and treated me with respect and love. He had a nick name "Lucky" that he had since his birth, so everyone who knew him in Ky. and all his family called him Lucky.... He is and always will be "Uncle Lucky" to all my children and grandchildren.....So Lucky was my brother, my friend and I love him. I will miss him calling or texting me and calling me Sis. Rest in Peace my brother, Ralph "Lucky" Madden. I Love You, Thelma Madden*

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**Thelma Madden** - October 02, 2022 at 04:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Stewart Madden Sr..*



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October 02, 2022 at 02:22 PM



“ *What a beautiful obituary. He had a beautiful and lovely family. God gave me the chance to meet him and his family. God bless and rest in peace.*

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**Helen Sadler** - October 01, 2022 at 11:17 PM



“ *Deana, my condolences to you and your family during this time of loss. Ralph was a very fine man.*

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**Penny Wilson** - October 01, 2022 at 07:40 PM