



Mr. Robert Anthony "Rabbit" Madara

September 26, 1959 - June 18, 2013

Robert was born on September 26, 1959 and passed away June 18th, 2013 at the age of 53, of heart failure. He is survived by wife Julie, children Corie, Carlie, Emily, Porter and Robert Conner, father Robert, mother Joyce, brother David, sister Susan, niece Danielle and nephew Bruce all of Orlando.

Robert was a licensed general contractor in Orlando, Florida who specialized in custom homes. Rob was 5'10" with a 12' personality. He volunteered in the Pine Castle Community as well as volunteering for Pop Warner Football, then moving on to volunteer for the Conway Falcons, which his sons played for. Such a huge pillar in the community and will be greatly missed.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Orlando - Henry Chapel
3000 S. John Young Parkway
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 425-2555
http://www.firstorlando.com/Church/Directions_Campus_Map.aspx

Tribute Wall

RE

“ I remember Rabbit from the neighborhood; quick-witted with an easy smile. He always made me laugh. My condolences to his loving family.

Renee E Evers - March 10, 2023 at 09:37 PM

SB

“ Sandy & Paul Bunker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Anthony "Rabbit" Madara



Sandy & Paul Bunker - July 12, 2013 at 01:02 PM

RT

“ Rose Barfield Todd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Anthony "Rabbit" Madara



Rose Barfield Todd - June 25, 2013 at 09:12 AM

RT

*With Deep Sympathy
Sharing your sorrow in the loss of one so dear.
I knew Robert through his brother David when we worked at Winn Dixie back in the day. He was a blessing to all that knew him with his warm smile, his generous ways of giving to the Pine Castle Community. He will be greatly missed and was loved by many. Blessings
Mike & Rose Todd
Todd Brothers Landscaping*

Rose Barfield Todd - June 25, 2013 at 09:29 AM

JO

“ Rob Madara was my friend and I respected him as a man and a father. When life was tough, Rob was tougher. He never lost sight of the importance of his family and he did what he needed to ensure that his kids had all the love and support they deserved. I will miss the fun and mischievous sense of humor that Rob always brought with him. Most of all, I will always regret that this fine man was taken from us all too soon. Rest well my friend and know that you will not be forgotten.

Jim O'Brien

Jim O'Brien - June 24, 2013 at 06:53 PM

LB

“ Though I never met you, I feel like I know you through your wonderful sister. My heartfelt condolences to "Susie" and the rest of the family. You left them too soon!

Lauren Buckner

Lauren Buckner - June 24, 2013 at 03:33 PM

TW

“ I will always treasure in my heart the memories and special friendship between you and Lee. My children and I will miss you. God Bless the Madara family.

Teresa P. Wells

Teresa P. Wells - June 24, 2013 at 12:12 PM

DT

“ We were introduced to Rob by good friends Jim and Diane O'Brien. We watched him build and redo many beautiful homes for them. He was a family man, talented builder, humorous and always there for anyone. Our prayers and blessings go to his family and the community of friends. He will be missed and remembered by all who knew him.

Dawn and John Trosset

dawn trosset - June 24, 2013 at 08:59 AM

LI

“ Robbie you will live in the hearts of your children forever & the memories you left with them they will Treasure. You were their rock & provider my heart is broken for your children.

Lindsey - June 24, 2013 at 06:18 AM

JS

“ We are so sadden by Rob's sudden death.He was a dear friend, a talented contractor who remodeled on e house and built another for us. Both were great. Mostly I enjoyed being with Rob, exchanging stories ranging from kids football to hunting exploits.He was generous with his time and talents.We will miss him greatly. Our sympathy and condolences to the Madara family. Sincerely,
Jim and Donna Schoeck

jim & donna schoeck - June 23, 2013 at 07:08 PM

DS

“ So long my dear friend, Rabbit.....my heart is broken.

You will, forever, be in my fondest memories.....

Dan Saunders - June 23, 2013 at 03:48 PM

DO

“ 1 file added to the album Rob



Diane O'Brien - June 22, 2013 at 09:34 PM

BT

“ When I read these memories of Rob that are being shared, they have touched our hearts and have allowed us an insight into a side of Rob, that my husband and I did not know.

Rob came into our lives about 8 years ago, at a time of great emotional stress and "rescued" us.

Our primary residence is thousands of miles away from Orlando in Ontario Canada, while our retirement dream home is in Belle Isle. Our home in Belle Isle needed extensive renovations, that we were not aware of. I flew to Orlando to investigate the damage and Bob, due to health reasons was unable to travel.

We obtained a marvellous property management firm and Dawn met me at our home in Belle Isle. She suggested a contractor that she knew and trusted, "Rob Madara". So Rob was called and met us at the house. That was the only time that Rob and I met.

Rob was hired and completed the extensive renovations on our dream home, which were outstanding. Bob instantly connected with Rob through their multiple daily phone calls, which continued for many weeks and months until the house was completed.

Because of Rob, we were introduced to many other wonderful, capable, creative, honest business people who did, "first rate" projects within our home. Good people know good people. We put our complete trust and faith into Rob as Bob and I were so far away and Rob never disappointed us.

I still have hundreds of photos on my computer of each stage of the reno, that Rob would forward to us.

Rob, we will miss your phone calls-that continued to come long after the house was completed-we will miss your e-mails and jokes-we will miss your pictures of your family,who you loved beyond words and the "catch of the day"-we will miss, "when are you coming to Florida, you better hurry up"-we will miss your political words of wisdom and your sound, honest advice to us on so many topics-we will miss you my friend, you touched our lives deeply in the brief period we knew you.

Tuesday morning, the Lord surveyed Heaven and realized a contractor was needed and He only picks the best.

Until we meet in Heaven; we will miss you.

Bob & Joanne Takacs
Ontario Canada.

Bob & Joanne Takacs - June 22, 2013 at 12:43 PM

BH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



bob hewlett - June 22, 2013 at 09:06 AM

“ I would like to share a poem that I found in a Hallmark card several years ago and was so impressed with the author's unique perspective on someone's passing that I saved it.
I do not know who the author is.

The Plan of the MASTER WEAVER

*Our lives are but fine weavings
That God and we prepare,
Each life becomes a fabric planned
And fashioned in His care.
We may not always see just how
The weavings intertwine,
But we must trust the Master's hand
And follow His design,
For only He can view the pattern
Upon the upper side,
While we must look from underneath
And trust in Him to guide.....*

*Sometimes a strand of sorrow
Is added to His plan,
And though it is difficult for us,
We must understand
That it is He who fills the shuttle,
It is He who knows what is best,
So we must weave in patience
And leave to Him the rest.....*

*Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the finished canvas
And explain the reason why
The dark threads are as needed
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver*

In the pattern He has planned.

Author Unknown

While we are devastated and do not understand why Rob was taken from us at such an early point in his life, we all must still have faith that something good will come out of our loss. As in Bert Fisher's story, I truly believe that there is a part of Rob in all those who have had the good fortune of knowing Rob that will live on and be passed on in some form or fashion for generations to come. In the five children Rob has raised, I believe that he will also live on within them as they pursue their education and careers, and their future families. Rob was a loving and caring Father and I have not doubt that he has instilled upon these children the right moral character, work ethic and love for life that they will succeed in their lives and carry on the legacy that he has started.

*Rest in peace Rob Madara..... your memory and the legacy you have created will live on
in the memory of your family and those who have known you!*

James Nicoloff - June 22, 2013 at 08:40 AM

JN

“ 8 files added to the album *Jim & Zulima Nicoloff Remember Rob Madara*



James Nicoloff - June 22, 2013 at 07:31 AM

AG

“ *Annie Gibbons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Anthony "Rabbit" Madara*



Annie Gibbons - June 22, 2013 at 06:04 AM

JH

“ *I moved here in 1969 and my family bought the house right next door to the Madara's. I was 'older' than the Madara kids, but we always seemed to end up hanging around together. Through friends, Rabbit became a great friend. We usually had the same friends as we grew up, then as children came along, we stayed connected through activities with the kids. Rabbit was a 'good old boy'. He did what was right, made a great time happen with every challenge that came his way, and he loved his kids. I pray the lessons he taught his kids will help guide them through their life - a life without him here to help keep them grounded. Rabbit will be missed.*

Jeaneen Hurst Hollingsworth

Jeaneen Hollingsworth - June 22, 2013 at 12:08 AM

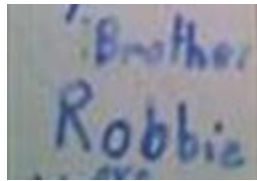
AB

“ *Rob was an amazing man I am a friend of porter and conner and emily and I pretty much lived over at there house there waz many of reasons why I wheny over there so much and one of thoses reasons was bec of rob he was funny fun to be around and amazing father a. Cook it is not the same at that house without him their he was like my second dad I will miss very much and ill never forget him and I will be sure to help out with his family and around the house. U will be loved and missed rob*

austin bennett - June 21, 2013 at 11:13 PM

AR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



April Rosenbloom - June 21, 2013 at 11:12 PM

AR

I love this note Susie writes on the back of Robbie's photo.

April Rosenbloom - June 21, 2013 at 11:17 PM

AG

Me too, April! How adorable! there's nothing like the love between a brother & a sister! ?

Annie Gibbons - June 22, 2013 at 06:10 AM

AR

“ 16 files added to the album New Album Name



April Rosenbloom - June 21, 2013 at 10:54 PM

BF

“ Rob Madara
by Bert Fisher

Whether I called him Rob, Robbie, Redneck, Rona or Bubba, I was most honored to call him friend and brother. Who ever would have thought that a rough and tumble, truck-drivin', deer-huntin', home-buildin' man's man would have befriended a gay, artistic home designer in 2000 during a construction project, and ultimately become the best of friends. That's the first clue to see inside a man whose multi-faceted personality could see through the veil and into a person's heart. I think that, in a sense, I was a bit of a challenge in that he could never figure out which 'box' I fit into.

Rob made a profound impact on my life; I am forever changed and immeasurably better off. His seemingly off-beat comments and apparently peculiar ways allowed me to learn about myself and to laugh at myself...especially when he saw me being too serious about a task at hand. He busted me every time. But I learned over time to bust him back, and though he rarely laughed at being the target of a zing, I could tell that it made him feel good that I cared enough to get under his skin.

Rob loved his family with all his heart...they were the reason he got out of bed in the morning and the reason he came home at night. As our friendship grew, I was made to feel like part of the family. Even after I moved to Atlanta, I was always invited to stay with the Madaras and was welcomed into the 'reality show' that was his home and family life. What a fun trip!

Early on I learned Rob was a spectacular cook. The way he described how seasonings and flavorings needed to blend just so, and the cooking time should be this long or that long, made my mind felt like I was lifted away for a moment and set into the gourmet kitchen of a world renown chef creating a feast for a banquet. And my taste buds always concurred! I also learned about his dry sense of humor. After a meal, Rob, Julie and I would talk,

laugh and have cocktails and he would suddenly stand up, say "I'll be right back" and left the room. After 20 minutes or so, I'd ask "What happened to Rob?" Julie would give me a matter-of-fact look as though I should know and say "Oh, he went to bed".

Over the years, he and I talked about life, we talked about death, and most everything in between. I was honored by being able to tell him face to face that I loved him as my friend and brother. He must have been OK with that because he didn't punch me out. Ultimately, showed me he had a keen sense of fairness and just about the only thing that truly got under his skin was injustice. Rob cared and he lived a full life. Everything he did and talked about was always driven by his ulterior motive...Creating Memories. Memories to live by; memories to share; memories of how we treated each other at the end of the day; memories to keep those who are not with us at the moment as close as if they were standing right there. He always told me "we didn't go fishing" or "we didn't go hunting", but rather "we created a memory".

I will forever remember Robbie. He will always be with me. He will always kick me in the ass when I need it. He will always be my friend because I have my memories.

Bert Fisher - June 21, 2013 at 10:36 PM

AR

Great story. You nailed it. :-)

April Rosenbloom - June 21, 2013 at 11:15 PM

JN

Fantastic expression of your relationship with Rob and his family! So wonderfully described that I felt like I was right there with you when you had a meal together. You have also described Rob's characteristics ever so perfectly!

James Nicoloff - June 22, 2013 at 07:51 AM

JM

“ *Jody McClure lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Robert Anthony "Rabbit" Madara*



Jody McClure - June 21, 2013 at 09:52 PM