



## Mr. John Leroy Madison

October 30, 1931 - July 1, 2018

John Madison Sr., surrounded by his family and special friends, went home to his Savior Jesus Christ on July 1, 2018. Born to Roy and Evelyn Madison (Gustafson) on October 30, 1931 in Des Moines, Iowa. John graduated from East High School then went on to receive his electrical engineering degree from Iowa State University. After earning his degree John enlisted and served honorably in the United States Army. Shortly after his honorable discharge John was hired by Honeywell Corporation in Minneapolis, Minnesota where he worked for over 40 years until his retirement. John married his home town sweetheart, Norma Abrahamsen on October 12, 1959. John was an active member of Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis for over 50 years. He lived in South Minneapolis until 2013, then moved to Eagan, Minnesota to be closer to his son, daughter-in-law and his four grandchildren.

John had a special zest for life and lived each moment to the fullest. John loved to ski and was a member of the Knob Hill ski group where he continued to ski into his 80's. John also loved to play cards, whether it was "fox" with his family, bridge with his bridge groups or "500" and cribbage with his close friends. But John's real passion in life (besides his grandchildren) was walleye fishing. He loved his outings to Lake Kabetogama and Rainy Lake where he, as a boy spent many summers. He passed the love of this area and passion for fishing onto his infant son, then later to his daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

In John's later years he was able to spend even more time with his son,

daughter-in-law and grandchildren (whom he had day cared along with Norma). The family spent many wonderful summers up north at his cabin on Woman Lake. Although he loved his cabin, he made several fishing trips a year back to where he found so much joy as a child, Lake Kabetogama, Rainy Lake and Kettle Falls. John loved watching his granddaughters play volleyball and this sport often took him to Omaha, Denver and Florida. John enjoyed many family cruises to the Caribbean, his daughter-in-law would tell people, "We don't leave home without him". The love, guidance and patience he showed is something his family will treasure always.

John also found great enjoyment in the many friends he made at his apartment complex in Eagan. John especially loved to spend time with his special friend and loved one, Beverly Torgenson. John could be found having coffee on Thursday mornings in the gathering space or in the evenings with Beverly and their card group.

John is preceded in death by his father Leroy Madison, mother Evelyn Madison (Gustafson) and his wife of 46 years Norma Madison (Abrahamsen). He is survived by his beloved son and daughter-in-law John Jr. and Roxanne, his grandchildren Kristina, Jeffrey, Kelly and Kaylyn Madison whom he shared a very special bond with and loved with all his heart. He also leaves behind his special and beloved friend, Beverly Torgenson. He also will be greatly missed by his extended family, all of them referring to him as just "Poppy", and the many "loweagian" nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at Washburn and McReavy, 1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis, MN. Chapel Service will be on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. with a reviewal starting at 10 a.m., also at Washburn and McReavy. Interment and a short graveside service will be held on Tuesday, July 10 at 1 p.m. John will be laid to rest next to his loving wife, mother and father at Highland Memory Gardens, 1 N.E., 60th Avenue, Des Moines, IA.

May you find everlasting salvation and peace in the loving arms of our savior Jesus Christ.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery

1 Northeast 60th Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50313

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel  
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(612) 721-1651  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Visitation

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel  
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(612) 721-1651  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Chapel Service

---

JUL 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel  
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(612) 721-1651  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. John Leroy Madison.* ”



---

July 07, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ *families and Judy Rice and Atlanta families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John Leroy Madison.* ”



---

**families and Judy Rice and Atlanta families** - July 07, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ *John and Norma Madison were special saints of Central Lutheran Church.  
"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." -Pastor Stephen Cornils* ”

---

**Steve Cornils** - July 06, 2018 at 09:32 PM




“ *Jon & Marilyn Ehrman, Julie Kupersmith, Kim Young purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John Leroy Madison.* ”



---

**Jon & Marilyn Ehrman, Julie Kupersmith, Kim Young** - July 06, 2018 at 07:21 PM

KH

“ *John ,Roxanne and family I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in mine and Rod's thoughts and prayers. Remember the good times* 

---

**Kim Holt** - July 06, 2018 at 05:12 PM

EA

*John and Norma were dear friends in the Knob Hill Ski Club. We will miss them and keep the whole family in our prayers. We are so sorry for your loss and hope it won't be too long before the good memories help to ease your pain of loss.*  
*Earl and Bunny Anderson*

---

**Earl Anderson** - July 06, 2018 at 06:08 PM