



## William "Bill" Madek Jr.

October 22, 1959 - August 10, 2022

William "Bill" Vincent Madek Jr., of Shelby Township, passed away suddenly on August 10, 2022 at the age of 62.

Bill was born in Royal Oak, MI, to William And Mary Madek. He was the oldest of five siblings and grew up in Sterling Heights, MI. He attended Stevenson High School where he excelled in football and baseball. Bill went on to pursue a career in construction and later found his passion in nursing. He transitioned into the role of Life Share Director at Henry Ford Hospital where he was instrumental in advancing the transplant programs. Bill dedicated 30 years to the Transplant Institute where he impacted countless lives through organ donation. Bill received many awards throughout his career, but his proudest were his Emmy Award for "Minds of Medicine" and his Gift of Life Champion Legacy Award.

The passion he had for his career was only rivaled by the dedication he had to his family. Bill met his wife, Patti, in the halls of Stevenson High School. Together their love developed into a 34 year marriage giving them four wonderful children and two beautiful grandchildren. Bill's most treasured moments were when he was surrounded by his family. He never missed an opportunity to express his pride for each of his children.

Bill enjoyed playing golf, watching just about any sport and coaching his

children in their chosen sports; including Regina Powderpuff Football. Bill began coaching at Regina in the fall of 2010 where his record was 7 wins and 5 losses. Every year Bill looked forward to joining his friends, and his sons, on the sidelines to teach the girls the game he loved.

Bill is predeceased by his father, William V. Madek, Sr., and survived by his mother, Mary A. Madek (Lavelly), four siblings: Therese Childs (David), Mark Madek (Janice), Christopher Madek (Kathleen), and Mary K. Cronyn (Tim); his wife Patricia (Callaghan), four children: Drew Madek (Cassandra), Victoria Venturini (Anthony), Sean Madek (Rachel), and Paige Madek; and two granddaughters, Aria and Nora Jo; and many nieces and nephews that he loved very much.

Bill's family will receive friends for visitation on Monday, August 15, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a sharing of memories service at 6:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, August 16 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Road, Utica, 9:30 a.m. instate until the time of his mass at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to Bill Madek Regina High School Scholarship 13900 Masonic, Warren, MI 48088 or online at <https://www.reginahs.com/apps/form/donateRegina>. Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 15. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Sharing of Memories

AUG 15. 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Instate At Church

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AUG **16**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
44633 Utica Road  
Utica, MI 48317

## Funeral Mass

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AUG **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
44633 Utica Road  
Utica, MI 48317

# Tribute Wall

DR

“I've always hated the phrase 'lost the fight with cancer'. I'm pretty sure, I'm not a doctor, but I'm pretty sure if you die, the cancer dies at the same time. That's not a loss. That's a draw" -Norm MacDonald

*Dad didn't lose his fight with cancer, he took it to overtime, and it was a draw in the end. But yesterday, the rest of us lost. I lost the guy who is the reason for so many of the things that have truly influenced my life.*

*He is a big reason why (much to his chagrin) I love video games. When I was 3ish, hand drawing a map for The Legend of Zelda as we played through in the basement of the condo. When I was 9ish, and I took a line drive off of my mouth and had to get stitches, the deal was "don't scream or bite while the stitches are going in, and I'll buy you a video game" (turned out to be Chrono Trigger, pretty good deal if you ask me) When I was 12ish, and he pulled out a brand new N64 out from under the Christmas tree (After mom had told him no... I still remember the look he got)*

*He is a big reason why sports are a huge part of my life. When I was younger, and always helping out with baseball (even though I told him one year I didn't want him to coach me anymore, he was still at every game he could be, coaching anyway) When I was in high school, coming to every single track meet with his little portable grill, making burgers and hot dogs for anyone and everyone. He always made it a spectacle When I was an adult, and he asked if I wanted to help coach powderpuff, and I told him no. And every year he'd ask me until I said yes, cause he knew I'd really enjoy it (and like normal, he was 100% correct)*

*And he is a big reason why I try to be a good person every day. He taught me how to be a good friend, being there for the people you care about.*

*He taught me how to be a good coach/teacher, making sure that you're teaching the right way.  
And above all else, he taught me how to be a good person.*

*I will miss you every day... I love you dad.*

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**Drew** - September 15, 2022 at 03:14 PM

CG

“ *I will never forget Coach Bill's amazing speeches at powderpuff practice and his passion for the game of football. Beating Marian in 2019 is a memory that will live with me forever.*

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**Claudia Giulianelli** - August 17, 2022 at 12:15 PM

SF

“ *I went to Nursing School with Bill at Henry Ford Hospital. he was very devoted to his education. what stood out the most about Bill was his kindness toward others. He was an excellent nurse in the age where nurses were assumed to be female roles but he changed that. i remember we both celebrated our milestone at HFHS with the celebration party HFHS threw for employees. that was 5 yrs ago. I would see him at my niece's games as he was pretty much there as much as he could supporting the St Lawrence Team. I could always contact him for advice from time to time. his willingness to help everybody was abundant. he was so proud working along side of his mother. He certainly loved his family. I hope Bill is flying with the angels and looking down and is proud of his accomplishments. Patty and family I am truly sorry for your loss. God speed Bill.*

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**Susan Finn** - August 16, 2022 at 08:32 AM

JR

“ I worked with Bill in the HFH OR in the 90's along with his Mom, Mary. What sweethearts, both of them. Bill always had a welcoming grin and I found him to be a very pleasant co-worker. I missed him when he was promoted to the Transplant Team but he deserved it. What a loss to his family, his parents and his coworkers with his passing. He will be missed.

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**Janice Johnson RN** - August 15, 2022 at 07:29 PM

BF

“ Our love and prayers are with Paige and the whole family. Words cannot heal your broken hearts but we pray that God will send you peace.  
Your memories are your greatest treasure, and knowing that he is with God should help you deal with the terrible loss. With deepest sympathy  
Baciak family

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**Baciak family** - August 15, 2022 at 03:28 PM

LW

“ Working with transplant centers and teams across the US, no one was more kind and welcoming than Bill. He was incredibly smart and loved teaching others. Getting to know Bill over the years, he always spoke lovingly of his family and was very proud of them. It was my absolute pleasure working with Bill and he will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to his family. -Lea (TransMedics Inc.)

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**Lea Weddleton** - August 15, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*



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August 15, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. Bill was a wonderful coworker. I'll never forget the loving stories he always told of his family. He loved you all dearly. I can only imagine how hard this is for you all as it is for me. Please know that he will be deeply missed, but never forgotten. May God Bless You all as I keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**LaWanna** - August 15, 2022 at 03:12 PM

SC

“ Since meeting Bill over 20 years ago at St. Lawrence football, there have been so many great memories that I find it hard to pick a favorite. He was a wonderful coach to not just Steve and Nick, but Kristi too-at Regina Powderpuff. He was an even better friend and we always had fun when we would get together.

I loved joining in on the Coaches Pre-Powderpuff Breakfast at the Old House Restaurant. The coaches were always happily nervous as they finalized the game plan and tried to get Bill to agree with their strategies. It was full of laughter and respect as this group of guys he led were getting ready for the game. Also, after the game, whatever the outcome, there was always a dinner and Bill and the other coaches went over the game and believe it or not he would begin preparing for next year. He was always smiling and supportive to so many of us and our families.

Bill will be missed more than words can say, but I am so honored to have known him and have shared so many good times.

May God bless you all during this difficult time and know we are always here for you.

With love.

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**Susan Carlson** - August 15, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..



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August 15, 2022 at 12:20 PM

SS

“ I had to work with Bill many times on organ offers at HFH. Even when he was waking me up in the middle of the night he was always pleasant and looking for the positive in everything. I will miss working with him! I am so sorry for this loss to your family and his friends!

Sharon Skorupski

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Sharon Marie Skorupski - August 15, 2022 at 10:22 AM

BT

“ Over the past 23 years, I had the great opportunity to work with Bill on many occasions. When the Henry Ford transplant team, everyone knew that Bill was on site. He took command of the situation with grace, compassion and always willing to listen and teach. Every time we met during a case, Bill would come in and say Hello Wild Bill (me) and state I will never forget. I recall working one evening, escorting the team to their helicopter, Bill turned to me and said, we are saving a life tonight, and away he went into the night sky. I know that this world was a better place with Bill in it. Heaven has welcomed yet another angel, taken away too soon. Rest in peace my friend, until our paths cross again!

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Bill Thompson - August 15, 2022 at 10:04 AM

TJ

“ I had worked with Bill at Henry Ford several years ago. He was always so kind, helpful, and a pleasure to work with. I will miss seeing him in the halls at HFH. My condolences to the family.  
Teresa Jokic

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Teresa Jokic - August 15, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*



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August 15, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*



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August 14, 2022 at 10:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*



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August 14, 2022 at 09:51 PM



“ *Very sorry for your loss, Mr. Madek was always one of our favorite coaches at St. Lawrence football, we all have fond memories of coach Madek on the practice field, at the K of C grounds, after big wins, and most importantly at Mr. B's coaches meetings. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. A family that prays together, stays together, wins together.*

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**Mike Kaiser** - August 14, 2022 at 11:53 AM

TF

“ *Transplant Anesthesia Group - Henry Ford purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*



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**Transplant Anesthesia Group - Henry Ford** - August 14, 2022  
at 10:57 AM

MK

“ *Mr. Madek always had a smile that could light up the football field. His passion to teach the game was so inspiring. He became family to us through St. Lawrence and continued that family coaching at Regina. I've always admired the close friendship he maintained with my dad as well as the other coaches. Sending all the love to the Madek family and thank you for letting us into your family all those years ago.*

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**michelle kaiser** - August 14, 2022 at 08:58 AM

DK

“ *Bill was a true friend and I will miss him. He introduced me to Noble Fish. When I needed a dentist, he said he knew a good one (I still go to Mark and Janice). He drove me around everywhere. He never made me feel bad about my golf, and in fact, when I needed clubs, he gave me an old set he had (I still use those clubs). He was a hard worker and colleague and great surgical assistant (I know he relished the times when the fellows were not able to go out on donors with me so he could be the first assistant). Patti, I know I will not miss him as much as you, but I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

*Dean*

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**Dean Kim** - August 13, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*



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August 13, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*



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August 13, 2022 at 07:03 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*



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August 12, 2022 at 08:04 PM

RD

“Patty, I no longer live in Michigan, and I was not aware Bill was that ill. He was a mensch of the highest order, and a complete joy to work with. I always loved the ultimate outcome of a transplant, but being on the harvesting side was always a bit of a grind-late at night, sitting around for hours waiting for the liver team to complete their part (which admittedly was more exacting and time consuming than the cardiac side:), and Bill always made the entire trip as efficient and easy as humanly possible. We played golf a time or two, and enjoyed spending time with him on the links. It was easy to see he was naturally athletic, but was laboring with a balky knee that didn't always want to cooperate! Bill has been missed already-I haven't seen him since 2018ish, but he has periodically been brought up in conversation, both by people who knew him, and people who didn't but who suffered through my retelling of various transplant adventures. My thoughts are with you and your family..Bill was one of the good ones



Ralph D-from the CHM arm of the Henry Ford transplant team

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Ralph Delius - August 12, 2022 at 07:59 PM

ER

“I was new to The Transplant Institute as a volunteer in 2009 and Bill welcomed me with open arms. Did not matter if I was an employee or a volunteer, he took the time to answer a million questions over the years and provided a safe place to ask even the most simple question. He was my cheerleader in so many ways. I could always field an idea or concept with him for sage advice. Just as he has left a warm mark within my heart as with others, his memory and legacy will be cherished. With much love and respect, Beth Rubinstein

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Elizabeth Rubinstein - August 12, 2022 at 06:08 PM

LR

“ *Liz Reed purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*



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**Liz Reed** - August 12, 2022 at 05:44 PM

JL

“ *My condolences to the family and friends that lost such a great man. I worked with him for many years in the transplant world. I was one of the ones that was waking him up in the wee hours of the morning with Organ offers. He was an inspiration to all he worked with. He had a dedication I could not describe. If you didn't understand something, he took time out to explain it to you. Rest easy Bill. You will be remembered by many as well as a hero.*

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**Janine Loomis** - August 12, 2022 at 04:33 PM

RC

*I'm so saddened to hear about this news. I worked with Bill in transplant for many years, what a great guy. I have learned a great deal from him and I am grateful. My heart goes out to his family and friends at this time. Gone way too soon.*

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**Ranee Caskey** - August 12, 2022 at 04:35 PM

PR

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Madek family. I had the great pleasure of working with Bill as a transplant coordinator. He always had a smile for everyone and always was a joy to work with. We will all miss him. My condolences. Patti Renaud*

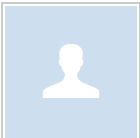
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**Patti Renaud** - August 12, 2022 at 04:11 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the entire family. Bill was always smiling! Truly a God send.* ”

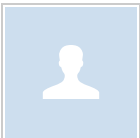
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**Monica Powers** - August 12, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..* ”



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August 12, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..* ”



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August 12, 2022 at 02:35 PM

BL

“ Coach Bill was one of the most influential coaches that has ever taught me. In the few short months he was my powderpuff coach he taught me so much more than just the sport of football. He taught me how to be a leader on and off the field, how to show compassion to each of my teammates and everyone in my life, and most importantly no matter how hard my life is to always smile. Coach Bill was always smiling and the first to ask you how your day was. He truly cared about each of us and wanted us all to succeed in life. Coach Bill you have touched my life and hundreds of Regina saddelites' lives for the better. You are the heart of Regina powderpuff and it will never be the same. You will be missed.

*To his family I am so sorry for your loss and will continue to keep praying for you.*

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**Betsy Lueck** - August 12, 2022 at 01:56 PM

AE

“ Bill, I will always remember all these long nights and cases I did with you, I really enjoyed every min working with you. we all here at TransMedics Inc. will forever remember you.

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**Ahmed Elbetanony** - August 12, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..



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August 12, 2022 at 12:38 PM

KR

“ Bill always had a smile and hug for me, no matter where he was. He brought me in to coach powderpuff and I can't thank him enough for allowing me to be part of that.

The Madek's were one of the first families I met when I started coaching at St Lawrence In 2010. We shared many memories together. Bill always had a smile on his face and kind words in his heart.

Bill, thank you for impacting not only my life but my daughter's lives as well. I pray that I can tough as many young women' hearts at Regina like you have.

I will miss you.

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**Kevin Reese** - August 12, 2022 at 11:09 AM

MK

“ I will forever remember the late night flights, early morning breakfasts, and drives through blizzards across state with my friend Bill. His attitude always positive, smile infectious, and presence reassuring. Your efforts touched so many lives, Bill, both at work and in your community. May your memory continue to warm spirits.

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**Marwan Kazimi** - August 12, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..



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August 12, 2022 at 09:07 AM

KC

“*Mr. Madek, I'm so grateful and lucky to have been so impacted by you. You were the most selfless and compassionate individual, and that was shown through so many different aspects. I'm grateful to have grown up watching his special way of not only wanting to share his love of football with anyone he could, but that his top priority was ensuring every single player felt important. I know it meant so much to me when I was finally able to be a player of his. He contributed so much happiness to the relationships he had with the other coaches, our families and especially my dad. His presence will forever be missed. Sending my thoughts, prayers and all of my love to the Madek family.*

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**Kristi Carlson** - August 11, 2022 at 09:53 PM

AD

“*The heavens certainly gained an angel yesterday. Regina High School was so blessed and fortunate to have such an amazing, dedicated man lead our long-standing Powderpuff tradition for many years. Bill touched the lives of hundreds of young women and inspired them in numerous ways. His love of Regina, the sport, and the girls was evident by his genuine smile, his enthusiasm, his passion, and his sincerity when he talked about the Powderpuff program. For Bill, it wasn't about the win or the loss (although he LOVED to win!), it was about building a team of young women who were unified, supportive, and truly sisters. I will be forever grateful to have known Bill and will truly miss his outstanding leadership. My thoughts and prayers are with all who loved him, especially his wife, children and grandchildren.*  
*Ann Diamond, Regina High School Principal*

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**Ann Diamond** - August 11, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*



August 11, 2022 at 08:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*

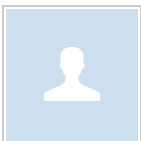


August 11, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Coach Bill had the sweetest and most caring heart ever. I can notice that within less than a year of him coaching my 2021 powderpuff team. He was such an amazing person and he will be missed tremendously. Powderpuff will not be the same with our you. I am keeping him and his family and friends in my prayers. ❤️*

**fiona gasperoni** - August 11, 2022 at 07:52 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*



August 11, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*



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August 11, 2022 at 05:46 PM



“ *Not just a good guy - Bill was a great guy. So caring - saved so many lives - so smart - so compassionate. The entire Henry Ford Health community mourns this loss and is grateful that Bill, through his job, helped give the promise and gift of life to so many others.*



*We will miss Bill's smile, his warmth, his funny jokes, his professionalism, his smarts and on and on and on.*

*God speed my friend, until we meet again...you are loved and missed and all of our prayers and thoughts for your family.*

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**Patrick Irwin** - August 11, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..*



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August 11, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..



August 11, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ The world is a better place because of Mr. Madek. His mentorship and leadership to so many youth, boys and girls, through coaching and his friendship with my Dad and the other coaches displayed the embodiment of joy and love for the game of football but importantly beyond that for what it means to care for others and walk alongside others through life. Thank you for sharing him with us; his friendship to my father was so meaningful for me to grow up with. Sending the Madek family all my love!

Sarah Mueller - August 11, 2022 at 04:08 PM



Sarah,  
Your touching and heart felt message resonates with all of the football coaches and their families. We all lost a “giant of a man” who’s heart held endless love for God, his family and countless friends and players.

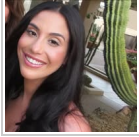
Cyndi Popp - August 11, 2022 at 04:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..



August 11, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ I will always remember Coach Madek for his amazing leadership during my 2016 Powderpuff season (We won!) To the family- I am so sorry for your loss of a wonderful man, husband, father, and inspiration to myself and so many.

Meghan Provenzano - August 11, 2022 at 03:27 PM

TW

It was a delight to coach against Coach Madek. Win or lose. He always offered a big smile and his hand to everybody. Home to o Our Lady, after who our 2 schools are named. TIM WALLACE

Tim Wallace - August 11, 2022 at 05:46 PM

MB

I played baseball with Billy in the 1970s. We won the Mickey Mantle State Championship in 1976. He was a great teammate and great friend after that. Godspeed my friend. Mike Briguglio

Mike Briguglio - August 11, 2022 at 10:37 PM

KG

“ Kim Brown and Tony Glinke purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..



Kim Brown and Tony Glinke - August 11, 2022 at 03:18 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Madek Jr..



August 11, 2022 at 03:02 PM