



Robert Eugene Mader

August 29, 1928 - July 19, 2014

Robert Eugene Mader, 85, of Naples, FL, died Saturday, July 19, 2014. Formerly of Ft. Wayne, IN, he had been a Naples resident since 1992. He was born August 29, 1928 in Tigerton, WI, the son of Gerhard and Ida (née Ahrens) Mader.

Bob Mader demonstrated his strong work ethic at an early age by twice earning all state basketball honors as a high school player for the Wisconsin Rapids Red Raiders in the mid 1940's. He then took his talents to the University of Wisconsin where he was a four year letterman and captain of the 1950 squad.

While serving in the National Guard from 1950-1953 he coached high school teams at Sparta and Antigo WI and in 1954 was an assistant basketball coach at Marquette University. In 1955 he joined the business world working for Sears, Roebuck & Co. His leadership skills were quickly recognized and he rose through the ranks of store management culminating as Group Manager of the Ft. Wayne, In group. He retired from Sears after 33 distinguished years in 1988.

Through his business years he was also a champion of civic causes serving in local leadership positions with the Salvation Army, United Way, and Chamber of Commerce.

Bob will be remembered as a caring and loving husband , father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend.

Mr. Mader is survived by his loving wife, Jeanenne (née Breece); his loyal sons, Jeffrey (Debrah) Mader of St. Charles, IL, Thomas (Rondi) Mader of Algonquin, IL and Michael (Susan) Mader of Alpharetta, GA; brother and sisters, John (Barbara) Mader of Henderson,NV, Betty (the late David) Welch of Aurora, CO, and Marilyn (the late Herb) David of Minneapolis, MN; six cherished grandchildren, Andrew, Bradley, Samantha, Corbin, Danny and Alison; and two great grandchildren, Mason and Addilyn. He was preceded in death by his beloved first wife, Patricia L. (née Bronson) in 2000.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Salvation Army.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
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Bonita Springs, FL 34134
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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Eugene Mader*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Sharon Sommers lit a candle in memory of Robert Eugene Mader*



Sharon Sommers - August 18, 2014 at 01:29 PM



Dear Mader family....I know you are hurting that you are separated from Bob...I want to send you my sympathy. Your love for Bob can not be separated. He lives in every one he has touched. Oh, there are so many moments that the best had been shared. He will always be in our hearts. Such a gentleman. I loved playing cards with him at Susan's and Mikes.

Sharon Sommers - August 18, 2014 at 01:39 PM



“ *jamie fletchall purchased the A Full Life for the family of Robert Eugene Mader.*



jamie fletchall - August 12, 2014 at 09:24 AM

KM

“ I was sorry to hear that Bob had passed. Bob Mader was a great guard at Lincoln High and at The Wi Badgers! He was one of my heroes growing up in Nekoosa -just 8 miles from Wisconsin Rapids. When he was the coach for Sparta our high school played them and got beat badly 64-30.
Keith E. Buchanan, MD

Keith E Buchanan, MD - July 24, 2014 at 11:27 AM

JM

“ I will always remember "Sticks Mader" as one of the greatest guys I had ever met at Lincoln High School. He was a class act and a pleasure to know.
Jean May (LHS class of 48)

Jean (Husson) May - July 22, 2014 at 09:00 PM

LS

“ Our sincere sympathy to you Jeaneene and all of the Mader family. We met Bob 20 years ago when we moved in above him at the Abbey. He was a great friend and neighbor. May wonderful memories of Bob comfort you during this difficult time.
Sincerely, Lou & Jim Slattery-Naples, Fl.

lou slattery - July 22, 2014 at 07:13 AM