

Dennis Madden Jr., 61, of Federal Dam, MN, passed away unexpectedly on September 5, 2024, at the Sanford Bemidji Hospital. Born on October 31, 1962, in Grand Rapids, MN, Dennis was the eldest son of Dennis and Anita Madden. Dennis was known by many names; Dad, Grandpa, Junior, June Bug, or J.R.. Junior grew up in Grand Rapids and after graduating was united in marriage to Tina Madden and they had three children together. Throughout his lifespan he was blessed with five children, who came to be the best parts of him.

An independently spirited man and a skilled tradesman, Junior held a variety of jobs from working at Infratech, to various construction jobs out of state, to owning his own construction business. He also became a well-known face to many helping at the family business, The Dutchroom.

Ultimately, he discovered his passion for the natural world as a fishing guide, a role he embraced wholeheartedly, spending countless hours on the water at Leech Lake, a place he holds dear from childhood where he lived his best days. He was a true outdoors man, passing on his love for all things nature to his children and grandchildren.

Junior spent his later life living in Federal Dam with his best friend and life partner Sara Akre. They spent innumerable time together sharing their love of the outdoors, fishing, and the company of each other and their two dogs Midnight Rose and Sadie. It was at this time in his life he found true happiness.

Dennis is survived by his loving girlfriend Sarah Akre and her family, daughters: Christina Malcolm and Steffany Akre; Dennis' daughters: Brandi (Gabe) Miskovich, Breann Madden, and Halle (Alex) Madden; sons: Derek (Hannah) Madden and Master Sergeant Trenton (Mary) Erlenbush; grandchildren: Joseph and Alexander Miskovich; Owen and Ari Hynek; Tia and Finn Madden; Wade, Charlotte, Drake, and Trey Erlenbush; Kyleigh Stram and Jamisyn Malcolm; and Carter Swanson; his mother Anita Madden; sisters: Gail (Alan) Gustafson and Lisa (Phil) Johnson; brother: James (Harmony) Madden; numerous aunts and uncles; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceeded in death by his loving father, late Dennis Madden Senior and his longtime best friends, Princess and Buddy (dogs).

In his departure, Dennis leaves behind a legacy of a carefree spirit, a big heart, and enthusiasm for the outdoors. He lived his life to the fullest with no regrets. May his soul find peace, and may his memory live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

F3A

©MarkThomas
Printed in U.S.A.



GONE FISHING

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,
So put me on a boat headed out to sea.
Please send along my fishing pole
For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.
Where every day is a day to fish,
To fill your heart with every wish.
Don't worry, or feel sad for me,
I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.
We will miss each other for awhile,
But you will come and bring your smile.
That won't be long you will see,
Till we're together you and me.
To all of those that think of me,
Be happy as I go out to sea.
If others wonder why I'm missin'
Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'

Dalmar Pepper

In Loving Memory of **Dennis Madden Jr.**

Born October 31, 1962 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota
Died September 5, 2024 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota

VISITATION

Thursday, September 19, 2024 ~ 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Rowe Funeral Home & Cremation Service
510 NW First Avenue
Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, September 21, 2024 ~ 12:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Leech Lake Recreation Area
1217 Federal Dam Drive NE
Federal Dam, Minnesota 56641

The family of Dennis Jr. wishes to thank
you for your kind expressions of sympathy and for
your presence with them at the visitation
and his celebration of life.

Arrangements by Rowe Funeral Home and Cremation Services