



Joseph "Joe" C. Madel

January 30, 1955 - January 2, 2013

Joseph "Joe" Carl Madel, 57, born January 30th 1955, died on the morning of Wednesday, January 2, 2013. He died at home encompassed by love, his wife holding him and his children around him, after a lengthy and inspiring brave fight with cancer. Even though Joe died before his time, he lived a full life.

He married Theresa Primus, the love of his life, in 1983 and they managed to raise six children together.

Mr. Madel joined the Air Force and it was there that he learned his love of teaching as he coached others in the mechanics of planes; this would later inspire him, after he retired from the military, to dedicate the rest of his life to educating teenagers at Murphysboro High School.

His greatest passions were scuba diving, computers, and movies; the former two he loved so much he taught them and the latter he would have taught as well if he could have talked the school into it.

He was a devout Catholic, loved God whole-heartedly, and volunteered at St. Andrew's. Joe goes to join his sister, Maureen, in heaven. He continues to live on in his parents, Mel and Margaret Madel;

his wife, Theresa; his six children: Christina, Matt, Marie, Joey, Charlie, and

Katie;

his brothers: Mark, Mike, Doug, Paul, and Jim; and also in his eight grandchildren.

It was Joe's wish that his body be donated to SIU-School of Medicine, so that he could continue to teach others, even after his death. His memorial service will be held at St. Andrew Church at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 5, 2013, and military services conducted by the American Legion Post # 127, V.F.W. Post # 7190 and 2605, and the Jackson County D.A.V. Chapter # 69 will follow. Friends may call from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the donor's choice. For more information, please visit <http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com>.

Joe, your loved ones hope that wherever you are there are deep and clear oceans, computers that always work perfectly, and a big movie screen that only you have the remote to. We love you. And we miss you beyond words.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph "Joe" C. Madel*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I loved to witness the strength and companionship you and Joe always shared druing Mass, Theresa. You maintained your bond before "man and God" as you always held each other's hands...Quite inspiring and warming for me. Thank you...May God now be your pillar when you are in that pew with Joe shining down on you.*

Dorothy Ann Dwyer - January 04, 2013 at 11:22 PM



“ *Theresa please accept my and my wife's condolences for Joe. God now has a new angel to help him. Love from Our house to yours.*

Ron Keller - January 02, 2013 at 08:36 PM