

Palm Worth Friends,

I am writing to notify you of my mom's passing. Grace Kristiane Bonar Madsen died on June 19, 2024, in Maple Grove, Minnesota. Grace was 90 years old and lived a full life, beloved by her family and friends.

My mom loved Palm Worth and all her Palm Worth friends. She spoke so warmly of her relationships at Palm Worth and missed everyone when the season was over. My mom embraced Palm Worth from the very moment my grandparents, Orville and Nedra Madsen, became owners in the mid-1960's.

Grace was born of Norwegian Missionary parents, Kristian and Sigrid Vatsaas, in Xian, Shaanxi, China on July 11, 1933. The Vatsaas family returned to Norway in late 1934, where Grace lived in Oslo for ten years. The family then emigrated to U.S.A. in 1947 and settled in Minnesota. She graduated from Minnehaha Academy in 1951 and then from Minneapolis Business College.

Grace married Donald Madsen in 1954 and settled in Golden Valley to raise their three children, Joan, John, and James. She is mourned by Don, her husband of nearly 70 years, children Joan (Jim) Fleming, John (Carolyn) Madsen, James (Anna) Madsen, and brother David. Grace had eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren who will miss and mourn her deeply. She was predeceased by her parents, Kristian and Sigrid, her brother Christian, sister Tullik Bergliot, and granddaughter Faith.

Grace loved the Lord Jesus Christ and faithfully served him and others her entire life. She was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed music. Grace also loved to travel and accompanied husband Don on many of his medical missions' trips to Taiwan, Zaire, and Kenya. Grace was a beacon of Jesus' love to everyone she met. While we grieve her loss, we rejoice that she is fully restored with Jesus through her faith in His life, death, and resurrection.

If you would like to send my Dad a condolence card, his address is:

Don Madsen
12001 80th Avenue North, Apt. #403
Maple Grove, MN 55369

We will celebrate Grace's life on Friday, June 28, 2024, at 11 am at Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina. A reception will follow the Memorial Service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Grace's name to Serge (serge.org).

My mom cherished so many of you; thank you for enriching her life!

On behalf of the Madsen Family,

Joan (Madsen) Fleming