



Marilynn A Madden

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Marilynn Ann Amdal Madden died on December 18, 2025. She was 102 years old.

She was born on July 3, 1923, in Ottawa, Illinois, to Marie and Rasmus Amdal. In 1944, Marilynn married Dean Madden, moved to Decatur with her husband, and lived there until her death.

Marilynn was a member of the First United Methodist Church and an active participant in the Decatur community all her life. She worked tirelessly to support the refurbishment and maintenance of Governor Richard J. Oglesby Mansion in Decatur. She volunteered for the American Red Cross for many years and was an active member of the Decatur chapter of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) which provides support for women's education. Marilynn was also a founding member of "The Bridge Club", a group of eight women who met regularly for lunch for more than forty years to play bridge (only occasionally) and talk (A LOT) about their lives, their families, and their world. Marilynn was the last member of the group to die.

Marilynn leaves her daughter, Deborah Williams, 3 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Dean, and son, David, preceded her in death.

Marilynn was a kind person with a good heart. She lived a good life and will be missed by all, especially by her family that loved her so very much. A life well lived.

A memorial service will be held for Mrs. Madden at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at the First United Methodist Church, 201 W. North St, Decatur, IL 62522.




Events


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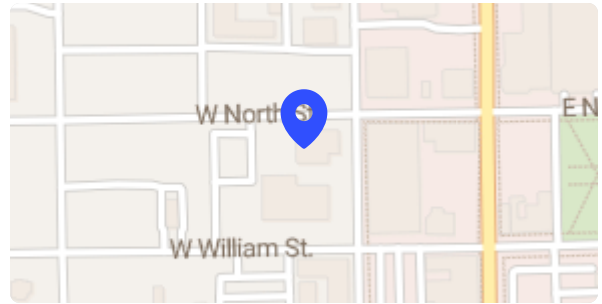
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, January 10, 2026

 10:00 AM CT

 **First United Methodist Church**
201 West North Street, Decatur IL





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PS

Patti Swinford posted:

I was fortunate enough to go to church with Marilyn and Dean for many years. I loved her dazzling smile and twinkle in her eye. I happened to see her this fall at WalMart and she still had that smile. I was most surprised that she remembered me! She was a remarkable woman!-Patti Swinford

January 5 at 6:55 PM

BK

Brigitta Kapp posted:

Marilynn Madden- for me synonymous with quiet dignity-subdued elegance coupled with practical down to earth life style and actions. She met fateful happenings with courage and acceptance.I first met Marilyn in 1966 when I, just newly arrived in the US, was invited to accompany Dot Williams, my host here in Decatur, to one of the special ladies' Christmas gatherings at the Madden "barn". I was awed at the display of Scandinavian treasures in this unique barn!Years later, maybe early 1990s, my husband Lucien and I joined the Cozy Culture Book Club where Dean and Marilyn had already been long time members. Each season ended with a deluxe, beautifully served chili supper at the Maddens'; a tradition Marilyn upheld until she retired from book club just a few years ago.Thinking of Marilyn brings tears and feelings of gratitude for having had the opportunity to have known her all these years since 1966.She was- and always will be- an Inspiration for me.Brigitta Kapp

January 5 at 4:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marilyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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