



Julius Richard Madsen

July 27, 1936 - October 18, 2018

Julius Richard “J.R.” “Pops” Madsen was born in Ogden, Utah on July 27, 1936 to parents Julius Viggo and Constance Benson Madsen. He was the third and last surviving of three children, including older sister Connie and big brother Ben.

J.R. was an uncommonly talented and accomplished person. At age 12 he sang before prophets in The Tabernacle on Temple Square in Salt Lake City, UT. He fostered his expertise at Brigham Young University, receiving his degree in Fine Arts in 1964. He was a world class operatic tenor, musician, rock and tile mason, architect, artist, poet, entrepreneur; but his greatest and farthest-reaching roles were those of husband and father.

In 1960 he married his true love Mavis Campbell in the Logan Temple; over the course of the next thirty years, they went on to raise a family of nine under the majestic shadow of Zion National Park in Springdale, UT. J.R. established multiple businesses and made significant cultural contributions to the Zion area that he loved so well.

He is survived by his wife Mavis; sons Richard, Christopher and Jeremy; daughters Melanie, Holly, Kristina, Lise, Ticia and Heidi, as well as an abundant and beautiful legacy of grandchildren and great grandchildren whom he adored.

A viewing will be held on Monday, October 22, 2018, at 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. at the Springdale Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints chapel, 1584 Zion Mount Carmel Hwy, Springdale, UT. Funeral services will follow at 11, and interment will be held at Springdale Cemetery.

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (MT)

Springdale Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Chapel
1584 Zion – Mount Carmel Hwy
Springdale, UT 84767

Service

OCT **22**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Internment

OCT **22** (MT)

Springdale Cemetery
Paradise Road
Springdale, UT 84770

Tribute Wall

NL

“ Mavis, Nick and I just heard about the passing of J R. We are so sorry and share your loss. We have such fond memories of the many times we spent with the two of you and your wonderful family. You made our time in Zion Park so enjoyable. With much love, Nick and Linda.

Nick and Linda Lundstrom - November 01, 2018 at 12:08 AM

SF

“ Dear Family,

Sending you prayers and love at this most difficult time. He was a great man in so many ways and his legacy lives on in all of you. I will miss him. Love Sue

Sue Fraley - October 22, 2018 at 02:30 PM

ML

“ Mavis and Melanie, I'm so sorry you've lost your dear one-- even temporarily it's hard. I'll be praying for your comfort and peace.
Margaret Leigh

Margaret Leigh - October 21, 2018 at 05:20 PM

BM

“ Mavis and family, sorry to hear about your beloved husband and father. He was a great man. I so remember when Kelly and I visited you guys in Springdale many years ago, and how you opened up your hearts to us, and even though you were busy with your restaurant back then, you were so happy to see us, and welcomed us into your home. Kelly always loved you Mavis and thought you were a knock out, you were and still are a very attractive women, you were one of his favorite cousins But your special personality along with your husband was so happy and contagious, you were great roll models, I 've never forgotten you fine people. I still reside here in St George, and it was nice running into you both 8 years ago at Chuck Arama. God bless you all, Betty Millar (Kelly Oakesons wife). Love you girl.

Betty Millar - October 21, 2018 at 01:11 PM

SH

“ I remember as a knowitall teenager I was sent to live with Grandy and Grandpa and just across the way lived J. R. And his brood. I was taken in and was made to feel as if I always belonged and was loved unconditionally. I was even given the family truck to take to work and use for fun times with the family. I'll always remember how J. R. Made me feel about my voice and the gifts I'd been given. My daughter Jessica, also remembers J.R. and Mavis and their unselfish love and welcoming spirit into their beautiful home. We wish we could be there with you but our thoughts are there and our love. Mike , Sheri , and Jessica Peterson

SheriPeterson - October 19, 2018 at 06:31 PM