



Mr. Darrel John "Maddog" Madagan

September 29, 1949 - April 30, 2025

Mr. Darrel Madagan, age 75, of Scottsboro, Alabama went to his heavenly home on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Darrel was born on September 29, 1949 to the late John and Elva Madagan in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

After growing up on a rural farm in Iowa and upon graduating high school in 1968, Darrel joined the United States Navy in which he served and retired as an aviation machinist mate. He then retired with a 34 year career from the Stevenson papermill as a wet end operator and EMT responder. Darrel's greatest joys in life were, being a follower of Christ, spending time with his family, being an active member of 24 years at Trinity Baptist Church, serving others, building CASA ramps, being a member of VFW Post 6073, and his joy for food and fellowship.

Darrel is survived by his wife, Ruth Madagan; sons, John David (Angie) Madagan, Josh (Katherine) Thompson; grandchildren, Kaleigh Madagan, Ashleigh (Chance) Pepper, Thackery Thompson, grandbaby number four John Porter Thompson due in June; great grandchildren, Ian Madagan, and great grandbaby number two Greyson Madagan due in June; sisters, Virginia Moore, Lola (Marlin) Kness, Carol Stephens; Brother, Dean (Thelma) Madagan. He also leaves many cousins, nieces, nephews, other family members, and also friends who will sadly miss him.

Darrel was preceded in death by his sister, brother in laws; Betty (Jerry) Moore, Lee Moore, Harold Stephens; father and mother-in-law; Irvin and Mary Lancaster.

Services will be held at Trinity Baptist Church of Scottsboro with Pastor Duaine Griggs officiating on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 2 PM with visitation from 12-2. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to CASA of Jackson County, an organization, Darrel was passionate about and helped participate building ramps with.

Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

210 South Cedar Hill Drive
Scottsboro, AL 35768
(256) 609-8166

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
809 Byron Rd
Scottsboro, AL 35769
(256) 259-5426

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
Scottsboro, AL

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I loved being around Darrel because he was so sweet, welcoming, and kind when Bud and I would visit him in Alabama. We spent days playing cribbage and dice. I remember worrying about him during the pandemic because, instead of isolating all of the time, he was doing projects for his church. He was the epitome of what Christianity is supposed to mean. The news of his death broke my heart.

Joanne Cherefko - May 06, 2025 at 02:07 PM

JS

“ Joe and I were so sorry to hear about Darrel. Thoughts and prayers to the family.--Joe and Terri Stephens

Joe and Terri Stephens - May 05, 2025 at 08:30 PM

VU

“Darrel and his family moved to Spirit Lake, Iowa in Darrel's freshman year (he is in the freshman photos from Class of '65 yearbook). We became best friends. Along with sister Carol and brother Dean, we rode the same school bus. Our bus driver was always so concerned about the Madagan kids because they had to walk across busy US highway 71 to get to their farm.

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Darrel and I did a lot of “bush whacking”. When Darrel was driving, one of our favorite spots was from the gravel road to the east of their farm, up the dirt lane through the cornfield up to their farm. When we found someone parked, Darrel would honk his horn and eventually some very mad guy would come back to Darrel's car. Darrel would roll down the window and tell the guy, “I'm just trying to get up to our house.” I can still hear him saying that. We would get past the car, drive through the farm buildings and right back onto US 71 to continue our night of bush whacking!

I was glad when Darrel and Ruth Ann started attending the Spirit Lake High School Class of '68 reunions. It was always good to catch up with him.

RIP my friend – Vern Underwood

Vern Underwood - May 05, 2025 at 08:22 AM

KW

“ *May your heart and soul find peace and comfort. Peace, Prayers, and Blessings.*



Karen & Darrel Woodward - May 04, 2025 at 05:10 PM

WT

“ *With love, Trac9 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Darrel John "Maddog" Madagan.*



With love, Trac9 - May 04, 2025 at 11:59 AM

BF

“ *Brandon and Brittany Crooks & Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mr. Darrel John "Maddog" Madagan.*



Brandon and Brittany Crooks & Family - May 04, 2025 at 02:00 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mr. Darrel John "Maddog" Madagan.*



May 04, 2025 at 01:34 AM

LS

“ Love, Joe, Roxy, Ben and Mark Shannon purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Darrel John "Maddog" Madagan.



Love, Joe, Roxy, Ben and Mark Shannon - May 04, 2025 at 01:09 AM

SF

“ Our deepest sympathy as I shared some fun times with Darrel in school. RIP Darrel and prayers for the family. Shawn & Jolene

Shawn & Jolene Fechter - May 03, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Darrel John "Maddog" Madagan.

May 03, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Darrel John "Maddog" Madagan.



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Vern Underwood - May 03, 2025 at 09:21 AM

LB

“Darrell was a good man and friend
Rest In Peace

Linda barnes - May 02, 2025 at 10:01 PM

VB

“ We have lost a good man and a great friend. Will miss you buddy, rest in peace. Your friend Verlon

Verlon Beck - May 02, 2025 at 05:34 PM

KE

“ ~ To The Madagan Family ~

You are in our thoughts and prayers. "Mad Dog" will be truly missed by many family and friends.

Steve and Konnie Sue (Klein) Egertson

Konnie Sue (Klein) Egertson - May 02, 2025 at 04:50 PM

VU

“ Extending sympathy to the entire Madagan family.

On behalf of Darrell's class, the Spirit Lake Iowa High School Class of 1968.

Vern Underwood - May 02, 2025 at 04:16 PM