



## Brother Charles Raymond Madden, OFM Conv.

January 11, 1940 - January 12, 2023

Brother Charles Raymond Madden, OFM Conv. died on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, IL following a brief illness. He was 83.

He was born in Baltimore, MD on January 11, 1940, the son of William and Grace (nee Manning) Madden. He was the youngest of eleven children and graduated from Mt. St. Joseph High School in 1957. He worked for ten years at the Social Security headquarters in Baltimore but felt called to the religious life. He entered the Conventual Franciscan Novitiate in Lake Forest, IL on August 10, 1969. He professed simple vows with the friars on August 11, 1970 and solemn vows on August 11, 1973. Following his profession of solemn vows, Br. Charles would spend his entire religious life at the friars' Marytown in Kenosha, WI and later Libertyville, IL.

Br. Charles served as the unofficial historian of Marytown and authored several articles and books including, *Giving Up Stealing... for Lent!*; *Freemasonry: Mankind's Hidden Enemy*; *Know, Love & Serve Catechism Series*; and, three mini *Militia Immaculata* booklets. He contributed to Marytown's *Immaculata Magazine* for many decades, and focused on writing, editing, teaching Church history, and facilitating the Family Holy Hour at Marytown. He was especially devoted to Eucharistic Adoration. Beginning on August 14, 1975, he prayed a Holy Hour every night at 11:00 pm.

Br. Charles is survived by a sister, Catherine Plantholt; brothers, John Madden and Br. Michael (Patrick) Madden, OFM; and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 from 5pm-7pm at the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe ("Marytown"), 1600 W. Park Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048 followed by a Franciscan Wake Service at 7pm. The Mass of Christian Burial will be at Marytown on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 12:00pm, followed by a 2:30pm interment at St. Adalbert Cemetery, 3801 S. 6th St. Milwaukee, WI 53221. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Marytown  
1600 W. Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
<http://www.marytown.com>

## Franciscan Wake Service

JAN 18. 7:00 PM (CT)

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1600 W. Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
<http://www.marytown.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Libertyville, IL 60048  
<http://www.marytown.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ When my parents were separated and my mom was struggling to support 7 children with child support that was sometimes late or not there, Br. Charles or Martin would open Marytown's Food Pantry for us to help with the large cost of food to feed us children. I remember during one of those visits that one of us children discovered a can of escargot and Br. Charles said he loved them. We asked him what they were and he said snails and we said "eww"

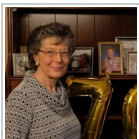
*Br. Charles had a calm glow of spirituality about him that was infectious, and i always admired him for that, so I asked him to be my Spiritual Advisor while I was a Volunteer at Marytown from 1984-1985. He was big on listening to the voice of God through the Holy Spirit and encouraged me to be quiet and listen.*

*I remember him wearing his denim cowboy hat every year when Marytown had their Fried Chicken Festival. He would park cars coming in and i got to work with him when I was at Marytown as a Volunteer. He loved to be fit spiritually and physically.*

*He told me several years ago when he was in his mid 70's that he still did 250 sit-ups per day. I was so very impressed ! That launched me on a fitness campaign oi my own, but i never matched or bettered what he was able to do. He used to encourage us Volunteers to hit him in the gut and he could take it. He was the best man, most awesome Spiritual Advisor and greatest friend. I miss him and I will miss him always! Rest In Peace Brother!*

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**Philip Glatz** - May 22, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and fellow brothers in Illinois. He was a kind, generous and talented man.

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**Antoinette McKinney** - January 18, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Brother Charles Raymond Madden, OFM Conv..



January 18, 2023 at 06:36 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Brother Charles Raymond Madden, OFM Conv..



January 17, 2023 at 11:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Brother Charles Raymond Madden, OFM Conv..



January 17, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ *Mary Doughney* purchased the *Sweet Tranquility Basket* for the family of Brother Charles Raymond Madden, OFM Conv..



**Mary Doughney** - January 17, 2023 at 08:34 PM