



## Robert Madsen

March 31, 1920 - March 15, 2013

CEDAR FALLS-Robert L. Madsen, 92, of Cedar Falls, died Friday, March 15, 2013 at the New Aldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls.

He was born March 31, 1920, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the son of Louis and Florence Lawrence Madsen. He married Claudia D. McFarland January 15, 1943, in Waterloo. She died October 18, 2004.

He served his Country in the United States Army during World War II. He was employed at Viking Pump in Cedar Falls for forty-six years. For much of that time he was the Controller, retiring in 1985 as Executive Vice-President.

Survived by three sons, David B. (Marcia) of Des Moines, IA; Daniel B. (Anne) of Mounds View, MN; and Charles D. (Rachel) of Spring Valley, MN; one daughter, Barbara S. Madsen of Yakima, WA; three grandchildren, Shannon Madsen, Jared Madsen and Sarah Vale; two great-grandchildren, Katie Madsen and Olivia Vale; a sister, Sally Madsen; nieces Marty Eagleson, Jenny Lantz, and Anneka Madsen; nephews Mike McFarland and Chris Koshman; and foster son Hua Ngo.

Preceded in death by two grandsons, Ryan and Donovan Madsen, and sister, Helen Nance.

He was a member and elder of First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls.

Services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 22, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church, with interment in the Fairview Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church. Full Military Honors provided by the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49. Online condolences

may be left at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com).

Memorial contributions may be directed to the congregation where he and Claudia were members for over 50 years: First Presbyterian Church; Bob also had a particular fondness for the congregation where one of his sons has been pastor for over 30 years, a church where most of the worshippers are refugees from Sudan, Cottage Grove Ave. Presbyterian Church in Des Moines; Bob was a frequent donor to the blood bank so a contribution of a pint would honor him; Bob also remembered how the Salvation Army brought sandwiches to the troops during WWII.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I only knew Mr. Madsen through the wonderful stories told to me by my good friend, his daughter, Barb. What a remarkable man, and a life well lived. All children deserve a father this thoughtful and kind.

Jan Manning - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

TC

“ Prayers David for you and your loved ones in this time of sorry and celebration of a life well lived. Thanks be to God for your work with your father's journey. Peace of Christ be with you all.

Ted Coppock - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

KR

“ Dear David and family,  
May you be upheld by the prayers of others.  
May you be strengthened by the hope that comes through faith.  
May you find peace that is beyond understanding.  
Ken Rummer

Ken Rummer - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

RC

“ We are saddened to hear of Bob's passing. He was another pillar of 1st Presbyterian Church and I was made a better person for having known him. My condolences to your entire family for your loss.

Richard Christie - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

JP

“ We were sorry to hear of Bob's passing. There are so many good memories of playing at the house and all the other fun things we used to do at 6th and Walnut. I still remember the ladder against the house - seems like Bob was always painting.  
In later years I got to know Bob much better as a coworker. I always appreciated his guidance and insight. It was a real treat for him to share his many stories and experiences.  
Your dad and mom were wonderful people. Sorry we won't be able to attend the funeral as we are out of town. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*John and Laura Petersen*

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**John Petersen** - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

VC

“ I have fond memories of working for Bob at Viking Pump first through CFHS Office Ed and then summers during college. He was always a great boss, encouraging and supportive. One funny memory: Bob made use of his speaker phone often (which was a relatively new item back then) and it always was funny to see him talking away without a phone in hand - then realizing he was using the speaker phone!

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**Vicky Halupnik Clinkscapes** - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

CM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Bob as his home P.T. awhile ago. He was one of the sweetest people I have ever met. I looked forward to my visits and had a difficult time leaving! It was clear that he adored his family. May God comfort you and give you peace during this difficult time.

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**Cindy Mickey** - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

PR

“ *Jeanie & I were neighbors for many years and Mr. Madsen was a good neighbor and a very kind man and we are sure he will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace Bob.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jeanie & Pete Redl*

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**Peter & Jeanie Redl** - March 29, 2013 at 02:48 PM

GR

“ *We are saddened to hear of Bob's death. It was my privilege to work with him on the staff of the Presbytery of North Central Iowa. In his "retirement" he was the volunteer book keeper there for a number of years. He was a most gracious colleague. It was always fun to hear his stories. He lived a good life and our sympathy is with you, his family. Enjoy the memories. Ginny and Robbie Robertson*

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**Ginny Robertson** - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM