



Martha "Jan" Madden

November 3, 1954 - September 18, 2025

Martha "Jan" Komorowski Madden, 70, of Moundsville, WV, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at WVU Wheeling Hospital. She was born November 3, 1954, in Moundsville, a daughter of the late Stanley and Veronica (Pyrek) Komorowski. She was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, devoted mother, and long-time educator. Jan graduated, earning her master's degree from WVU, in which she studied Music Education. She worked in the Marshall County School system for 38 years, working 29 of those years as a Music Specialist and lastly, 9 years as Principal at Moundsville Middle School, before her retirement in 2014. Jan had a deep love for animals, especially her dogs. They were her fur babies. She advocated for animal rescues and worked on projects with animal rescues, since retirement.

Surviving are her loving son, John Madden IV of Moundsville; aunt, Lillian Komorowski of Moundsville; cousins, who were raised like siblings, Mary Ellen Komorowski of Moundsville, Maria Bell-Hatcher of Bellaire, OH, Fred (Evelyn) Komorowski of Bridgeville, PA, Chenoa Miller of Moundsville, Gina (Dean) Hoops of Moundsville, Frank (Nan) Cicholski of Phoenixville, PA, Veronica (Jim) Buetel of Canton, OH, John (Jeannie) Kowal of TX, Edward Metz of Moundsville, and Monica (Steve) Masters of Moundsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Marshall County Animal Shelter, 37 Animal Shelter Dr, Moundsville, WV 26041, in memory of Jan.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, Moundsville,

WV.

Cemetery Details

Grisell Crematory

Moundsville, WV

Tribute Wall

KF

“*Jan, son, and father were my neighbors growing up. I remember when I was little she would come home and always say hi. I would see her son in the back yard painting sometimes. I haven't seen either in so long. Prayers to her son. She was a good woman and neighbor.*”

Kaylee Fields - October 04, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“*I was in first grade when Jan started at Sherrard—music class was always a favorite for me—she spent so much time instilling the love for music in all her students!! I still remember the Halloween Haunted Houses that she made that provided a fun learning environment, Christmas musicals, and playing all of the cool instruments she had in her room from bingo drums to maracas and bells. She was a passionate ate educator and just a one of a kind sweet lady.*”

Lisa Ingram - September 25, 2025 at 12:03 PM

JC

“*Jan and I shared many great times and laughs over the years at Sherrard Elementary, Sand Hill, and as principals in Marshall County. Her artistic talents were truly incredible. She was a great friend, mentor, and educator. My deepest condolences to her son, John. You were the light of her life.*”

Joyce Cole - September 22, 2025 at 11:29 AM

BD

“ Betty Duffy lit a candle in memory of Martha "Jan" Madden



Betty Duffy - September 21, 2025 at 12:36 PM

BD

That smile is what I think of when I think of Jan. She was an amazing and talented lady. I taught with Jan at Glen Dale Elementary and at Sherrard Elementary. Still remember the Haunted Houses! Prayers for you, Jon ... you were the light of your Mother's eyes and heart.

Betty Duffy - September 21, 2025 at 01:14 PM

SC

“ Sending prayers for family and friends. Jan was a good, sweet, caring, talented, compassionate and beautiful person. May God bless all with His comfort and His peace.

Steve Crabtree - September 20, 2025 at 08:24 AM

DH

“ I worked with Jan at Sherrard Elementary. She was so talented and creative. I am praying for John and all of her family.

Debbie Hunter - September 19, 2025 at 08:03 PM

PW

“ Jan and I have been friends since grade school, many happy memories! She was always immensely talented, singing, acting, art, and of course playing the piano. She was also intelligent and kind. She will be greatly missed. Sincere condolences to John. “Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.” Patty Wylie

Patricia Wylie. - September 19, 2025 at 05:24 PM

DH

She was one of my teachers when I was in school in Sherrard and I just loved her! She was so great at her job and she genuinely cared, and we children knew that! My thoughts go out to her family & friends.

Debbie Hammel - September 20, 2025 at 04:48 PM

JW

“What can I say that will aptly describe the impact Jan had on my life? She was so talented and so kind. She was the absolute best teacher. She is the reason that I wanted to be a music teacher. She was so kind. Her kind soul will be missed! Thank you, Jan for everything!”

Julia Wayne - September 19, 2025 at 04:18 PM

KT

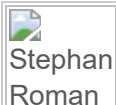
“What an excellent educator! She was also instrumental in getting Sherrard Elementary School a computer lab when I was in 2nd grade. I loved when she played piano for us, led us in playing the “Boomwhackers” and musical bingo with pinto beans.”

Kenny Thomas - September 19, 2025 at 04:05 PM

CR

“Ms. Komorowski/Mrs. Madden - you had such an amazing influence on me and my time at Sherrard. You were an amazing teacher and a huge inspiration, and I'm so glad we had the chance to connect so many years later. - Cinderfella.”

Chris Ruhland - September 19, 2025 at 01:42 PM

 Stephanie Roman

You inspired music in me and I have that passion because of u , U were truly Amazing ,.Rest Easy You Beautiful Soul , I was so glad to reconnect with u , Fly High ...

Stephanie Roman - September 19, 2025 at 03:51 PM

KC

“ So sorry to hear this. I enjoyed working with Jan at MMS. She was a supportive principal and great with the students. Rest in peace.

Kelly Carter - September 19, 2025 at 12:38 PM

SU

“ Mrs. Madden (Jan) was such a wonderful person- sweet down to the bone and so great with the kids. I am very sorry to see this.



sue - September 19, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ Jan was my best childhood friend. I have wonderful memories of being with her and her mom and grandma Martha. Jan was beautiful and had more talent at everything than anyone I ever knew!! Love you still Jan

Vicki Merinar - September 19, 2025 at 12:07 PM

PE

“ I'm just sick to hear this. Jan and I were good neighbors for years. My heart goes out to you John, you were your Mom's World 🥺🙏

Penne - September 19, 2025 at 11:57 AM

JW

“ Jan was a teacher of mine when I was a kid. She was one of my favorites. My condolences to her family in this difficult time.

Jessica Whitacre - September 19, 2025 at 10:19 AM

MF

So sorry to hear this. I feel like I've known Jan my whole life. Her Dad and my Dad were friends and she gave me and my sister piano lessons when we were very young. I always thought the world of her. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Mary Lou Francis - September 19, 2025 at 11:47 AM

MM

So sad to hear this. I have known Jan my whole life! We grew up together on Purdy Avenue and had many good times playing and talking as kids. I will never forget her. RIP my old friend.

Mick Menendez - September 20, 2025 at 01:57 PM