



## Patricia O. Madson

December 6, 1937 - July 1, 2012

Patricia O. Madson, 74, of Fort Collins, died July 1, 2012 at Poudre Valley Hospital. Patricia was born December 6, 1937 in Minot, North Dakota to Bert X. and Anna Marie Questad Olson. Patricia earned her PhD at CSU when living in Fort Collins from 1966 to 1978. Later she served as a Statistical Demographer with the U.S. Census Bureau. She retired in Washington, D.C. and then returned to Colorado in 1996. She enjoyed art, drawing, and pastels, collecting pottery, crocheting, quilting, riding horses, and especially time spent with family and friends at her cabin. Survivors include her daughters, Karin Madson of Fort Collins, Lise Yervasi of Baker City, Oregon and Sonja Madson of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; sisters, Faye Dorwart of Fort Collins and Mary Olson-Baich of Los Altos, California; and five grandchildren. Preceding Patricia in death are her parents, Bert and Anna Olson. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Pastor Paul McGraw will officiate. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Stroke of Hope in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ I graduated from high school with Patty in 1956. I don't think I saw Patty or spoken with her since then. I remember that she was among the smartest person in our class.

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**Bruce Baker** - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ My deepest Sympathy goes out to your family at this difficult time. Faye and Mary, special prayers and love. Beverly Haas

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**Beverly Scott Haas** - July 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ I am so sorry to hear of Patti's death. From what I understand she had suffered a lot in the last few years. Hopefully her journey to her heavenly home is restful. We had so many good memories from high school to college, to our young married couple get togethers at St Olaf. It's so hard to lose those close in ones life. I've lost so many in the last two years. God bless your memories.

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**connie davick ede** - July 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Sincere sympathy to you all at this difficult time.

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**Judy Thorson Ross** - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I am so sorry. Sending big hugs out to Sonja, Lise and Karin.

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**Kathleen Fellbaum** - July 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I was too young to know Patty well but when stationed in D.C. for my 2 week reserve duty for the Navy Nurse Corps, I gave Patty a call and asked to meet. I was sure Patty had no idea how to recognize me as I exited the subway at the Eastern Market station but she did! I had the most warm and caring visit with my relative who I hardly personally knew but had "known" well from family stories. I am so grateful that Patty and I had shared this time together. I wish to extend my most sincere sympathies to Patty's entire family.

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**Marcia Rostad** - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Our sincere condolences to all. May Gods grace bless the family and his tender arms welcome Patty to her eternal home. We will always have the fondest of memories of her, and so enjoyed the few times we were able to get together. We will miss her.

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**Bruce & Linda Rostad** - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Sonja and family , Not knowing your mom but reading about her life and all these wonderful memorials, sounds like she was quite a renaissance woman...who also touched many hearts. So sorry for your loss.

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**Diane Redling** - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Sonja and family, I am so sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you.

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**Bob Feigin** - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Sonja, My sincerest condolences for your loss. I too have lost a parent and deeply understand the pain and the void that is created. However, with this loss comes a deeper understanding of what life is and how it should be lived - one day at a time and to the fullest. Your Mom is now with the Almighty and more at peace than she has ever been. She also looks down with great pride and fondness for the ones she brought into this world and loved so dearly. The only thing she wants for you, is that you move forward and embrace fully the days you, and I - all of us for that matter - have remaining. Some day, hopefully a long time from now, you will be together again. I have always believed that each time we remember a person we have lost, and say a small prayer, that a bell rings in heaven. May those bells never stop ringing. She also remains alive with you in memory until you are together again. God Bless your Mom, you and your siblings. May he hold your Mom so very very close. Mark*

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**Mark Pinkney** - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ *Sonja, I am so sorry that you have lost your mom. She was young and should have had many years ahead of her to enjoy her family. I was very impressed with all of her accomplishments. Saying goodbye to loved ones, to me, is the hardest thing to do in life. May you receive much comfort from your family in Colorado. My prayers are with your mom, you, and your family.*

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**Francine Orsini** - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ *Deepest Sympathy and Prayers to Sonja and her family*

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**Vaniel** - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Karin, Lise, Sonja, been thinking about you guys lots these past few days... Because of all that you did you Mom had very good retirement yrs... And there are so many good memories... Jan with Patti to see Lise ride, cuban diner with Tappa and Sonja.. the elegant dinner at Tanglewooded, pony club in Mass, Thanksgiving in snow in Ft. Collins, family reunion at cabin with cocktails and fried rattlesnake....to Patti making me homecooked meals my freshman yr at St.Olaf... Love you very much... Johan

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**Johan A. Madson** - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KQ

“ I am so sorry. We were hoping to see her this summer and more in the next few years.

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**Kent Questad** - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Sonja, We're all very sorry for your momma's passing. I hope it is a wonderful new adventure for her now. With our love, Tom, Karen and Sara

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**Thomas Pickernell** - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ am so sorry to here of her passing i have very fond memory's of your mom yours Ross b Boughton

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**ross boughton** - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Sonja and family, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss; our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Jimmie McNeal** - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DE

“*Sonja and family... I am sorry for the loss of your Mother. May your fond memories bring you comfort and joy. No one can take those memories from you. May you and your extended family trust the Lord who provides great strength. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*”

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**Don Erhardt** - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“*Dear Madson Family We didn't know Mrs. Madson that well but were fortunate to have spent a little time with her Palm Beach County, FL where Sonja and her horse, Indigo, live and where Lise showed Brendan Braveheart this past winter. We spent a little time with her in Jupiter Farms and thought she was lovely. We are so sorry for your loss. Claudette and Michael Connors*”

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**Claudette Connors** - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CO

“*Sonja, I am sorry for your grief; I know you loved your mom. Please know my thoughts are with you.*”

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**Carolyn Ownby** - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“*Sonja, I am very blessed to have met your Mom. She was an amazing lady. I am so sorry for your loss. Just remember all the good times you guys had, there was alot. She was a very strong person, that is where you get your strength. Thinking of you and your family. All are in my prayers. Love you!!!*”

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**Stephanie Mills** - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Karin, Lise & Sonja, Our wish is that you are able to share with one another all the wonderful stories and memories that you have of your Mom -- and know that you are in our thoughts and prayer. Judy and Harry

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**Judy & Harris Madson** - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Sonja, Lise and Karin - I am so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of your mom and spending time with all of you in Colorado and Massachusetts. Patty will be missed. Love, J

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**Johan Jay Madson** - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Karin, Lise, and Sonja, I used the wrong word: Your mother was the benefactor, I was the beneficiary of her friendship! Aunt Lynda

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**Lynda Phillips-Madson** - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Dear Karin, Lise, and Sonja, When your Uncle Johnny and I got married, your mom made our wedding cake. Patricia Olson Madson could do anything she set her mind to do....in our 47 years of being family, I went from being intimidated to loving your mother, becoming the fortunate benefactor of her friendship. You three have been steadfast in your love for and appreciation of your mom, and you are now bright, good, amazing, and strong women. Your mother was very proud of you, of all your many accomplishments and the way you have handled your most difficult trials. May memories of the good times now comfort you! Sending Healing Thoughts and Love, Aunt Lynda

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**Lynda Phillips-Madson** - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Sonja, I am so sorry for your family's loss. I have fond memories of spending time with your mom at the cabin. We shared a lot of laughs.*

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**Debbie palocin** - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Patty was a second Mom to me during my early teen years. I think she was one of the first grownups who insisted I call her by her first name, which was a big deal to me at that age. I will always remember her bright smile, positive attitude, and seemingly boundless energy. I am so thankful that she invested the time and energy to start Pegasus Pony Club in our area, which became a very important part of my growth and development, both personally and as a horsewoman. Just recently I watched my daughter participating in her first Pony Club Camp, and it brought back many fond memories of our camps and activities. My heart goes out to Sonja, Lise and Karin, and all of Patty's extended family.*

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**Sandy Larson** - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Dear Sonja and family I wanted to express my sympathy over your mom's passing. I remember her as a warm and loving person who opened her home to me several tiimes as a wayward college kid. She was very special to have helped shape such amazing women.*

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**lynne lazarus** - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *Sonja and Lise - I am terribly sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed meeting your mom at the barn. Remember how hectic that day was with the black rescue mare we were trying out? Your mom had such a great attitude about it; very laid back and loving and told me "don't worry it will all work out" all with a big smile on her face. Big hugs and love to your entire family!!!*

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**adriana** - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *so sorry to hear your mom died. the few times i met her she seemed like a wonderful soul with a good sense of humor. take care of yourself karin.*

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**peggy corriveau** - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Sonja, Lise and Karin.. I wish I knew what to say other than, I am so sorry. and I love you all! She taught me the importance of laughter, especially when you don't feel like it. She modeled what it means to truly love unconditionally; she winked at me when I snuck barn kittens into the house; she could turn anything into fun; she taught me that a bad day is always relative, and you chose how the day continues; most importantly, she taught me to make snicker-doodles. xoxoxo*

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**Mindy Madson** - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Ms. Sonja, sorry for your loss. "Earth Has No Sorrow That Heaven Cannot Heal"!*

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**Susan Thompson** - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM