



## Matilda "Madee" Wagner

April 12, 1931 - April 7, 2023

Matilda "Madee" Schmolz Wagner, 91, of Hudson, New York, and Mesa, Arizona, passed away on Good Friday, April 7, 2023, after a very brief illness, peacefully with her family at her side.

Madee, or Grandmadee, as she was known, will be forever missed by all who were lucky enough to be part of her circle. Family and friends were always her first priority, and she had the gift of making all those around her feel truly loved and appreciated. Madee did not think about aging much - she was too busy living her best life and enjoying living independently.

Madee was the eldest child of Mary (D'Angelo) and William DeJoy, born in Amorosi Benevento, Italy, on April 12, 1931. She came to New York with her parents as an infant and grew up in Hudson, graduating from Hudson High School. She married Frank Schmolz and worked alongside him in operating their family business, the Home Bakery on Petition Street while raising their four children.

After Frank passed away in 1972, Madee worked at Smith Tire Shop office and then Columbia Memorial Hospital business office until 1990 when she married J. Leo Wagner and began spending her winter months in Mesa, Arizona. She made many friends throughout her years in both Hudson and Mesa and has continued to stay connected to many people over the years.

Always a craftswoman, Madee discovered quilting which became one of her many passions. She particularly enjoyed giving all her beautiful quilts away. Madee was also an avid reader throughout her lifetime, always carrying a book to pick up if she had a free minute. Never one to turn down an invitation, Madee loved to travel and was the happiest when she was surrounded by family and friends.

Madee is survived by three children, William (Laurie) Schmolz, Elaine (David) Rourke, and James (Helen) Schmolz. She was predeceased by a daughter, Karen Schmolz. She is survived by five grandchildren: Shannon (Al) LeBrun, Jennifer (Brian) Straniti, Jillian Menning, Carolyn (Ronan) Haldane, and Robyn (Ben) Bakkum, and twelve great-grandchildren. Her oldest great-granddaughter, Kaya Sindler, was a special friend and advocate to Madee in her last few years. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Marion DeJoy, and many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends - many, many friends. Her longtime Arizona best friend, Ella (Ray) Zilnick, was both lots of fun and a great comfort to her over the years. Madee considered Ella to be family.

In addition to her parents, husbands, and daughter, Madee was predeceased by her siblings Margaret Chappell, Louise Omelenchuck and John DeJoy. She was also predeceased by many loyal friends, including her friend, Peter Novak. Madee was a member of St. Mary's Church in Hudson.

A celebration of Madee's life will be 12-2 PM on Friday May 12, 2023 at the Sacco Funeral Home 700 Town Hall Drive Hudson, NY. Funeral prayers will begin at 2PM with Fr. Winston Bath officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Park Cemetery Hudson.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sacco Funeral Home  
700 Town Hall Dr  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-5000  
smvfh700@gmail.com  
<https://www.saccofuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 12. 2:00 PM - 2:25 PM (ET)

Sacco Funeral Home  
700 Town Hall Dr  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-5000  
smvfh700@gmail.com  
<https://www.saccofuneralhome.com/>

## Committal Prayers

MAY 12. 2:40 PM - 2:55 PM (ET)

Cedar Park Cemetery  
20 Columbia Tpke.  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-0517

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Matilda "Madee" Wagner.*



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May 09, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Matilda "Madee" Wagner.*



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May 08, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to your family. Madee was such a beautiful person. Our neighbor and close friend to our family and especially my mother. May she rest in peace.*  
*Paul Apicella*

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**paul apicella** - April 21, 2023 at 03:18 PM

LN

“ So sorry to hear she was gone. I knew her and the whole family all my life. She was a special person with so many good friends. She will be missed by her family so much because she was in their lives when she was needed,



May she Rest In Peace now and be with all those who went before her. I'm sure she'll find some kind of project to work on when she is ready. May she be resting in peace and knows she will be missed by family and friends. Rest in Peace Maddie 🙏🙏🙏🙏

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Lucy Nero - April 16, 2023 at 12:46 AM

PP

“ Our condolences go to your family. She was such a beautiful soul. I will never forget Uncle Pete's eyes as they shined every time we spoke of her.

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Paul Podmijersky - April 15, 2023 at 04:05 PM

JA

“ So very sorry to hear about Madee. A lovely woman in every respect. Her family and ours grew up together on Union Street in Hudson.

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Jim Apicella - April 14, 2023 at 05:02 PM

CD

“ My condolences and thoughts go out to Madee's many family members and other loved ones for the loss of such a fine mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, cousin, and friend.

*I have very fond memories of visiting Madee in Hudson as well as Lenox, at her sister Louise's home, and Kingston, at her brother, John's, home over the years. My dad, Vincent DeJoy, who died in 2020 and was Madee's first cousin, thought of Madee as a sister (he had no sisters of his own). I so admired the strength and devotion Madee showed in the face of such personal tragedies as losing her first husband while still a very young mother and her beloved daughter Karen, whose daughter Shannon she so lovingly cared for after her mother passed away.*

*And that smile! Will there ever be another like it! It will live fondly in my memory, as do those of her family members I knew best growing up, her dear sister Louise and their mother, my Great Aunt Mary, who was like a surrogate grandmother to me after my father's mother died when I was 5.*

*May fond memories sustain Madee's family and friends, and may they feel her presence in their hearts from this day forward.*

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**Chris DeJoy** - April 14, 2023 at 02:41 PM

SL

“ *Happy Birthday in heaven today. Catching up with everyone and sharing your love for all I'm sure. Madee I will miss your warm smile and your listening ear. You touched so many lives with your kindness and attitude. I will miss our visits. Gods people never say goodbye!! See you on the other side my dear heart.*

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**Sharon Levandowski** - April 12, 2023 at 07:50 PM

TP

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family at this difficult time! I was introduced to Grandmadedee when I had her great grandchildren in preschool many years ago. She used to pick them up once in a while and she shared some of her stories & her love for her family & her beautiful quilts that she labored with love! She will forever be in my heart. She also made beautiful jewelry and gave me a pair of earrings that I love.*

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**Teri Proper** - April 12, 2023 at 06:35 PM

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“ *Billy, Laurie and all your family  
We send our condolences and sympathy on your loss. May your happy memories give you comfort.  
Audrey and Pete Meicht*

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**Audrey Meicht** - April 12, 2023 at 04:14 PM