

## Robert W. Madey

May 2, 1933 - February 19, 2025

Robert W. Madey, aged 91, of Pompano Beach, FL, passed away on the 19th of February, 2025. Robert was born on May 2nd, 1933 in Norwalk, CT to Dorothy (Diab) and Elia.

Robert attended Brooklyn Tech High School and then went on to receive his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1955. He then served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force before pursuing his Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics at the University of Maryland, where he was part of the university's first class to be awarded degrees in the field in 1963.

Robert had a distinguished career in aerospace and energy, spanning 40 years. He contributed to some of the most visible scientific advancements of the 20th century, including leading the design team for the Apollo missions' reentry vehicles. He later led teams in pioneering energy technology, earning multiple patents for his work.

Above all, Robert cherished his family. A charismatic host, he was known for his warmth, wit, and sense of fun. He loved his dogs, Fred and Dudley. He was a deeply passionate man who consumed and shared culture in equal measure. The importance Robert placed on his community will be felt by all who knew him for years to come.

He is survived by Gloria, his loving wife of 65 years. He was a devoted father to three children: Robert (Joana), Michelle Kildunne (Stephen), and Donna Butler (Michael). Robert loved his six grandchildren (Julian, 14, Catherine, 30, Christopher, 28, Alexandra, 24, Leo, 20, Henry, 17). He was an adoring grandfather who will be remembered for his levity and his deep investment in all their lives.

A wake for Robert will be held at A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home in Huntington, NY on Monday, February 24th between 4-8pm. Robert's Funeral service will be held at St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Bayridge, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, February 25th, 10:30am.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION TO BOB'S FAVORITE CHARITY ST. JUDES CHILDRENS RESEARCH HOSPITAL, [HTTPS://WWW.STJUDE.ORG/](https://www.stjude.org/)

Robert's spirit is best captured in his own words. He frequently wrote love letters to his wife, including one before an anniversary trip 40 years ago: "Thanks for 25 years of your thoughtfulness, the things you do, our three stars, and especially for being you. Happy Anniversary and on to Rome. Love, Bob"

# Previous Events

## Monday Visitation

FEB **24**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.  
1380 New York Avenue  
Huntington Station, NY 11746  
(631) 423-2185  
jacobsenfuneral@gmail.com

## Church Service

FEB **25**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church  
192 81st Street  
Bay Ridge, NY 11209

## Burial

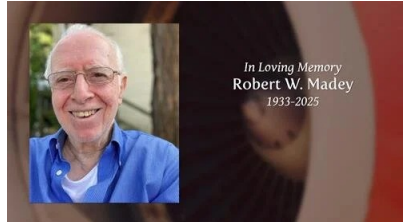
FEB **25** (ET)

Green-Wood Cemetery  
500 25th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11232

# Tribute Wall



“ *A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert W. Madey*



**A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 27, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *Rest in peace Uncle Bob, You gave 1000% always spreading your kindness, always curious, always warm and hospitable!. g abdallah and family* ❤️❤️❤️

**g** - October 26, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ *Our condolences and deepest sympathies go to Gloria and the entire Madey family. We mourn Robert passing while celebrating his life during which he accomplished much . We were honored and enriched by his friendship . mike and samia zaharna*

**Mike & Samia Zaharna** - February 27, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ *Jacqueline H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. Madey.*

**Jacqueline H.** - February 24, 2025 at 01:27 PM

LL

“ Love, Sue & Chris Lambert purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert W. Madey.



Love, Sue & Chris Lambert - February 24, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert W. Madey.



February 23, 2025 at 01:42 PM

GC

“ Grace, Olivia, Diana, Sam, & Caroline purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert W. Madey.



Grace, Olivia, Diana, Sam, & Caroline - February 22, 2025 at 01:25 PM

MR

“ MB Robbins purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Robert W. Madey.



MB Robbins - February 22, 2025 at 11:27 AM

KE

“ *Deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved husband and father.*

*We got to know Bob and Gloria through our relationship at St. Ignatius-Boca 🕊️.*

*May his memory remain forever eternal 🕊️*

*The Ellis Family  
Kal & Christy  
Terre Haute, IN  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL*

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**Kal Ellis** - February 22, 2025 at 08:46 AM