



Jacqueline Patricia Madden Fields

January 5, 1950 - May 8, 2026

On Monday, May 8, 2026, Jacqueline Patricia Madden Fields peacefully passed into eternity and into the loving arms of Her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was born on January 5, 1950, in Miami, Florida, to John P. and Florence "Francis" (Jackson) Madden, just before the Korean War began.

Jacqueline's father, born of the three original clans of Ireland was a high steel worker and personal friend of photographer Charles C. Ebbets. He was featured in the very center of the popular photograph "Lunch Atop a Skyscraper" (Builders of the city enjoy a luncheon) which was taken during his time working on the Rockefeller center on September 20, 1932, and published in the New York Herald Tribune October 2nd of that same year. Her father was also a professor of Math & Spanish. He also grew such beautiful flowers, fruit trees, and ornamentals with his wife that people would come from miles away to stop to take pictures and ask for advice about his growing techniques.

As a young girl she attended public school and sang for her local church where she was especially popular for her exceptional rendition of Ave Maria. She lived with her parents in Miami until her father's untimely passing, when the family moved out of the area and began traveling together. Along the way she met the love of her life, Edmund, and they began their whirlwind romance and life of worldwide travel and adventures with their own children over the next fifty-five years together.

Along with all the shared adventures, she managed a life full of personal achievements and experiences of her own. She was a nursing student, a teacher's assistant, a business owner, landlord, model, televised singer, certified gemologist, and talented multi-media artist. She loved to travel and it was her life for most of her adulthood. She had fantastic stories of the road and her time on it.

Later, she and her husband settled in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to be closer to their family that they loved so much. She loved to sing, create, craft, and decorate. She always made things beautiful around her. She had a wonderful sense of style and was always dressed immaculately and loved to wear her gemstones and shiny bling that matched her bright and happy personality. She loved to cook and had a flare for making fancy gourmet dishes just as well as she made her old-time mountain and southern cultural dishes, and she often gifted her foods to those she loved most.

Jacqueline loved animals and they loved her as she would always care for her own pets of all kinds as well as all of her wild animal friends, of which there were many throughout her lifetime. Her passion was helping people, and she lived a life of service and was a big part of many lives through things like bringing water and infrastructure to the indigenous people of Latin America as well as helping to teach about medicinal plants and foods.

Jacqueline and her husband loved to thrift and shop for antiques and unique treasures together and gifted many one-of-a-kind things to people and helped to take care of many others with needed item gifts, often times anonymously.

Throughout the years they owned many different businesses all over the country including in their hometown of the Sault and with each one made it a point to support their community and their neighbors as they could.

Jacqueline was a skilled gardener and could grow everything she set out to, her roses and orchids were some of her most beautiful works. She was a beautifully blessed and highly favored daughter of Christ and always remained strong and steadfast in her faith and she prayed for everyone, especially those she loved and cared for. Most of all she loved her God, Jesus, and her family. She especially adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren and spent her final years lovingly surrounded by them and excitedly enjoying her ever-growing family.

She had a gift and could tell what people were suffering with when she saw them, having even officially saved multiple lives by telling them what to look for with many returning to thank her personally. She knew cures and medicines, and she knew how to help women carry and have babies and heal their bodies afterward. She had a brilliant mind and a gifted singing voice. She was a bright light in dark times to anyone that needed it. A loyal, loving, beautiful soul that will be dearly missed forever and always by every heart that loved her.

Jacqueline leaves behind her two daughters; Tracy L (Leslie) Fields Ailing and Heather R. Fields; grandchildren, Laura E. (Tyler) Bouschor, Lacey R. Ailing, Loaghyn L. Ailing, Aidan (Fields) Salo, and Cassandra (Fields) Marks; great-grandchildren, Nimkii L. Ailing, Audrey M. Ailing, Myla A. Bouschor, Wyatt J. Bouschor, and Desmond T. Ailing-Sharp; baby sister, Antoinette "Toni" (Ralph) Waldrop; nieces, Rhonda Waldrop (Evans) Breidenbach, and Mandy (Earl) Waldrop Haltiwanger; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Jacqueline was preceded in death by her son, Todd Louis Fields; beloved husband, Edmund Louis Fields; parents, John and Francis; sisters, Carol and Linda; and brothers, Mario (Norma) and Patrick (Debbie).

Jacqueline's final resting place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Family Life Funeral Homes – Sault Ste. Marie assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be given to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783