



Lawrence Edward Madsen

November 10, 1943 - October 17, 2020

On Oct. 17, 2020, Lawrence Edward "Ed" Madsen of Pullman, Wash., passed away, at the age of 76, following a brief battle with COVID-19, and a longer struggle with dementia.

He was born on Nov. 10, 1943, in the back of a car on the border of Montana and North Dakota while his father was rushing his mother to the hospital. He grew up all over Montana, attended college there, and then drove up the Alaska Highway in a 1949 Plymouth, north to Alaska in the late 1960s. He worked across the state building the trans-Alaska pipeline and then settled in Anchorage. He became a People Mover bus driver in the 1980s and retired in the late 90s. He was proud to be a member of Teamsters Local 959. He loved Alaska and all it offered him and his family. He especially loved hiking, camping and fishing.

He will be remembered by his children: daughter, Alicia and her husband Gary; daughter, Jennifer and her husband Chris; son, Ted; son, Steven; and his youngest daughter, Lilianna; grandchildren, Alex and Greyson; sisters, Lisbeth, Barbara, Mary, Jean, Elaine and Evelyn, and brother, Ove. He was preceded in death by his father, Ove; mother, Alice; brother, Lynn Steven; and his eldest daughter, Nicole.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a funeral mass was delayed until this spring.

A mass will take place on June 5, 2021, at 11 a.m., at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Anchorage. His ashes will rest in a columbarium niche in St. Patrick's cloister garden. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska, 1750 Abbott Road, Anchorage, AK 99507.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff at Arcadia Drive Adult Family Home in Pullman, as well as Kindred Hospice, for their care and compassion.