



## Elmira Madden

July 28, 1952 - August 16, 2012

Elmira (Spain) Madden (Mira) was born July 28, 1952, the first born child of the late John Frank and Sammie D. (Jones) Spain and was very much welcomed by both parents after 8yrs. of marriage. She departed this life on August 16, 2012 after a lengthy battle with heart problems and infection.

Mira was born and was educated in the public school system in St. Louis, Missouri. She graduated from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville (SIU-E) where she earned a bachelor's degree in business, shortly thereafter Mira secured a position with JC Penny as a Merchandise Manager. She later obtained a position with McDonnell Douglass as an Aeronautical Analyst. Mira furthered her education by receiving her certificate as a Licensed Practical Nurse and additionally her Associate degree as a Registered Nurse. She worked at Bon Secours, Johns Hopkins Main and Bayview Medical Center campuses, Greater Baltimore Medical Center hospitals and Healthways, Incorporated. Mira also worked at several nursing homes within the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan area to include Future Care Sandtown/ Winchester. Her last position in the medical profession was as a Case Manager for CareFirst BlueCross Blue Shield. On top of this, Mira also found time to earn her MBA with a major in Human Resources from Strayer University.

On August 23, 1986, she married Vernard Madden and relocated Shortly thereafter with her daughter Danielle to Budingon West Germany as an Army

wife. Out of this union, three additional daughters were born, Vernetta, Jade and Samira.

Mira was beautiful, energetic, talented, very people oriented, loving and lived life to the fullest. She loved her family and stayed close to her friends. Mira was never happier then when she was spending time with her children. As their greatest cheerleader, she gave a lot and expected a lot from them in return. She was a role model, best friend and never held her tongue when lecturing them about what they should be doing. They always knew they were loved and cherished because while getting her point across she also let them know that as well. She continued to connect with older relatives, friends from childhood, school, and work. Mira was very involved in her church, Columbia Community Church, as a member of the health education ministry and attending with her family whenever she was able to do so.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a loving and dedicated husband, Vernard Madden; daughters, Danielle Wooten, Vernetta, Jade and Samira Madden; ; sisters, Margaret Bailey Spain and Linda Spain; sister-in-law Lillian Payne; brothers, Ronald Montgomery (Helen), Frank, Stanley (Stacey) and Jimmie Spain. Mira was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Johnnie M. Spain and brother, Daryl Montgomery. She also leaves behind a granddaughter, Sanaa Nugent; an aunt, Catherine Jones and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

AUG **23**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

AUG **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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## Wake

AUG **24**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Columbia Community Church  
8516 Thomas William Way  
Columbia, MD

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elmira Madden*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Vern,  
*Sorry to hear of the loss of a wife, mother and 311th family member. I really appreciated her kindness and invaluable support to the 311th Command Family Readiness Group as she was an active member and steadfast participant, along with the girls, in “all things 311th”. It wasn’t a 311th function without TEAM MADDEN. May you find comfort in the fond memories of Elmira. May GOD bless you all.*  
---Elliott Shine

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**Elliott Shine** - August 24, 2012 at 10:36 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

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**Ms Springer** - August 24, 2012 at 08:01 AM



“ *Dear Madden Family. My deepest sympathy on your loss. May she rest in peace. Pete McDermott (CW4(R), G-1)*

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**Peter J McDermott** - August 22, 2012 at 03:56 PM

WJ

“ Vernon and Family...our sincere and deepest condolences for the lost of Elmira. She was such a beautiful person that dedicated her life to her family and always provided support to all of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you always and provide you with strenght during this difficult time. With deepest symphaty. Wanda Jimenez-Barkdoll and family.

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**Wanda Jimenez-Barkdoll** - August 22, 2012 at 12:39 PM

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“ May the Lord watch over you and Bless you and your family in your time of sorrow.

*Nathaniel Davis*

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**Nathaniel Davis** - August 22, 2012 at 11:05 AM

SR

“ Vernon and family, Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your Loved one. I cannot begin to tell you how sadden I am by this news. Know that my heart is very heavy with sorrow for you all and that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Suellen Raycraft

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**Suellen Raycraft** - August 22, 2012 at 09:29 AM

SC

Vern, Mrs Crane and I are deeply saddened at the news of your loss. We are faith based folk and know you will all be together again, it's the wait that is painful. We enjoyed reading "Mira's" bio as Pat also, is a St Louis native. Memories for us all. Please know our sincerest sympathies go with you as we grieve with and for you all. God bless you all.

*Stew and Pat Crane*

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**Stew Crane** - August 24, 2012 at 11:10 AM

JC

“ To Vernon and daughters of Elmira; the loss of this precious life will forever remain our hearts. Such a beautiful person whose smile overwhelmed anyone in her presence. The special occasions Elmira and the girls (now young ladies) would join the 311th Signal Command was wonderful; her support; love and kindness was immeasurable. GOD BLESS  
Joan Collins and Jackie Palmer

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**Joan Collins** - August 22, 2012 at 08:47 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - August 21, 2012 at 12:13 PM

JP

To the Madden family,

" Sir, I know that you love the Lord and I know that you know that he will not put anything on you that you cannot handle. God said in John 14:1-8 that he was going away to prepare a place for us, His People. And if he goes, He will come back and get us and take us where He is. That is what He has done with your lovely wife. Let the kids know that it will be OK. We will see her again if we are faithful. Keep your faith and trust in Him who made you. May Gos bless you and forever keep you in His care.

V/R  
MSG (R) Pindell

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**James Pindell** - August 22, 2012 at 08:58 AM

LW

*Vernon, I want to echo the wonderful words of both MSG Pindell and Joan Collins -- your wife was a wonderful woman, and you'll see her again as long as you keep your faith in the Lord. God Bless you and your family.*

*LTC Lori Waite*

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**Lori Waite** - August 22, 2012 at 09:34 AM

GM

*Vernon and family,  
I'm so sorry for the loss of your lovely wife Elmira.  
May God grant you His peace that is beyond understanding. Proverbs 3:5&6  
Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.*

*Gloria Merritt*

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**Gloria Merritt** - August 22, 2012 at 02:46 PM

MM

*To the Madden family,*

*May you and your family be assured that your wife and mother of your children is resting in the house of the Lord. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and family.*

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**MSG (Ret) William McCoy** - August 22, 2012 at 07:52 PM