



Ted Masog

December 12, 1934 - April 14, 2023

The Mass of Christian Burial for Ted Masog, of Verndale will be celebrated at 11:00 am. on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at St. Frederick's Catholic Church in Verndale. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 21 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Ted Masog Auditorium at the Verndale School with Prayers at 6:00 and Rosary at 7:00p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass.

Edward "Ted" Joseph Masog, 88 of Verndale MN died at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena MN Apr. 14, 2023 surrounded by family, with care provided by staff and Knute Nelson Hospice.

Edward "Ted" Joseph Masog was born to Edward and Gladys (Hanson) Masog on December 12, 1934, in Little Falls, MN. Growing up, he attended parochial school to which he attributes his love of music. Ted graduated from Little Falls High school in 1952 then attended the St Cloud Teachers College (St Cloud State University) and graduated in 1956 with a degree in Music Education and a minor in Spanish. After graduating, he taught instrumental music in Isle, MN. He was drafted into the Army in 1957 and was honorably discharged in 1959 after serving in Germany with the Army band. On Aug. 8, 1959, he married Ladonna Jaeckels in Foley, MN, and they moved to Eyota, MN, where he taught music. In 1960 they moved to Keewatin, MN, where he taught music in Nashwauk, MN. Then in 1962 they moved to Los Angeles,

CA, where he started work on his Master's degree in Music Education from UCLA and also worked at Hughes Aircraft in the Accounting department (he would later receive his Master's degree in Music Education from St Cloud State University). In 1964, they moved back to Minnesota and lived in Beardsley, MN, where he also taught music. In 1967 they moved for the last time to Verndale, MN.

Until he retired in 1993, Ted taught instrumental music in Verndale every year and Spanish for many years. Throughout the years, many of his students have fond memories of performances in concert band, pep band, stage band, dinner concerts, solos, ensembles, regional and state competitions. Summers included marching band performances mostly for the Verndale Celebration but also included trips to Chicago, Winnipeg, St Louis and ValleyFair. In May of 2003, he was honored in Verndale with the renaming of the high school auditorium to the Ted Masog Auditorium.

For many years he played organ at various area churches but primarily St. Frederick's Catholic church in Verndale, where he finally retired from playing in 2020 after 52 years of accompanying for many masses and other celebrations. He also accompanied many soloists and ensembles throughout the years for students in the Verndale area and was the accompanist for the Staples Area Mens Chorus for many years enjoying the regional Big Sing performances, madrigal dinners and other concerts and shows. The Bertha-Hewitt school paid tribute in 2008 with the Outstanding Layperson in Education award and in 2012 he was honored with the Minnesota ACE (Advocate for Choral Excellence) Award for his accompanist work. Many students also learned piano from his after-school piano lessons.

Ted also enjoyed many hobbies including gardening, cooking, stamp collecting, dyeing Ukrainian Easter eggs, reading (especially Sci-Fi), crossword & Sudoku puzzles, playing piano and listening to many different types of music but primarily Classical music. For many years he could also be

seen biking around the area in the summer as well as cross country skiing in the winter. His enjoyment of decorating for holidays always made his house recognizable. He also enjoyed spending time with family and often combined that with his passion for photography.

Survivors include daughters: Barb of Alexandria, MN, Catherine and Carol, both of St. Cloud, MN; sons: Jeff (Jodi) of Ramsey, MN, Mike (Marsha) of Clear Lake, MN and Doug (Robin) of West Fargo, ND; sister: Shirley Ploof of Little Falls, MN; brothers, Jerry of Apple Valley, MN, Terry of Benton, LA, Tom (Dan) of Riva, MD and sister-in-law Audrey Aufderhar of Becker, MN; along with 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Preceding Ted in death were his wife Ladonna (2005); his parents; sister Joan Knopik; and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be: Brett Masog, Christopher Johnson, Trent Masog, Alexis Masog, Ryan Masog and Justin Masog.

Burial will be in St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery in Verndale, MN.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your local hospice.

Cemetery Details

St. Frederick's Catholic Cemetery

16196 County Road 104
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Public School
411 Brown St. SW
Verndale, MN

in the Ted Masog Auditorium

Prayers

APR 21. 6:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Public School
411 Brown St. SW
Verndale, MN

in the Ted Masog Auditorium

Rosary

APR 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Public School
411 Brown St. SW
Verndale, MN

in the Ted Masog Auditorium

Visitation

APR 22. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Frederick's Catholic Church
20 Mason Ave. NW (aka: US Hwy 10)
Verndale, MN

Service

APR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Frederick's Catholic Church
20 Mason Ave. NW (aka: US Hwy 10)
Verndale, MN

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ted Masog



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 18, 2023 at 06:03 PM

JM

You did a wonderful job on this video. Thank You!

Jenny Masog-Podratz - April 19, 2023 at 08:36 PM

TC

What an amazing and multitalented artist in so many ways. The video was wonderfully done!!! How did he fit so much into one lifetime! just an amazing person. What a loss to his family and communities 💕🙏

Thersia Cox - April 19, 2023 at 09:39 PM

EJ

Barb and family sorry for your loss. I know the last years have been hard but try to remember the fun and good times with Ted. Elmyra Jerome

Elmyra Jerome - April 21, 2023 at 08:28 PM

JH

“ *I REALLY enjoyed working with Ted. He will be missed. In God's Hands. Jan Heins*

Janis Heins - April 25, 2023 at 04:49 PM

MM

“ Mike Sallie Mahlen lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog



Mike & Sallie Mahlen - April 23, 2023 at 03:47 PM

CB

“ Conrad Shirley Van Batavia lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog



Conrad and Shirley Van Batavia - April 22, 2023 at 09:12 PM

CB

“ Conrad Shirley Van Batavia lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog



Conrad and Shirley Van Batavia - April 22, 2023 at 09:04 PM

LA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Laura - April 22, 2023 at 11:22 AM

JH

“ Several years ago a group of friends traveled to Lanesboro in southern Minnesota. We were there for Erin Schumacher's wedding. Out in the countryside was a beautiful and stately Lutheran church. Ted accompanied my husband on an old pump organ as he sang *The Lord's Prayer!* A memory, along with a wonderful wedding and weekend we will never forget.

Joe and Diane Hinkle - April 21, 2023 at 03:27 PM

SK

“ I got to know Ted when he came to the nursing home to play music and do programs for the residents. He was a happy, friendly, caring person. I am glad I was blessed to know him. Sympathy to his family that he obviously loved so much. Sharon Keranen

Sharon Keranen - April 21, 2023 at 03:14 PM

DW

“ Condolances to Ted's family! He was such a talented man, in so many areas. Loved life, his family and music!



Diane Wachlin - April 21, 2023 at 02:01 PM

LE

“ Lynn Erickson lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog



Lynn Erickson - April 21, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ted Masog.*



April 21, 2023 at 10:05 AM



“ *Patty Bernstetter lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog*



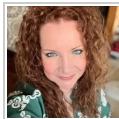
Patty Bernstetter - April 20, 2023 at 10:32 PM



“ *There are few who's abilities transcend their surroundings. It always amazed me that a talented man like Ted would spend a lifetime in a simple community when we all knew he could have taken his talents to larger venues. Our community has been blessed for so many years by his sacrifice.*

When I first watched the movie, "Mr Holland's Opus", I immediately thought of our local treasure. Indeed, all those who knew Ted, or learned a love of music from him, are testament to his Opus. We will certainly miss him. I will certainly miss him.

Bill and Deb Hess - April 20, 2023 at 10:03 AM



Well said. Was just sharing with my Mom how we all were totally out of his league in having the opportunity to have his life brush against ours.

Heather Van Batavia Rohwedder - April 22, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ted Masog.



April 19, 2023 at 11:42 AM





“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 19, 2023 at 10:07 AM





“ *“If music be the food of love, play on!”
...and he did. And we are all the better and
blessed for it. Thank you, Ted, for all the gifts
you gave- your time, talents, patience,
wisdom and friendship. Verndale won't be the
same without you. You will be missed*  



Ashley “Gades” Pulju - April 19, 2023 at 08:50 AM



Thank you!  

Jenny Masog-Podratz - April 19, 2023 at 04:17 PM

WS

“ *Such a wonderful and talented man with the biggest smile always!! Heaven is even brighter with his radiance now! Miss seeing him riding bike, inspiring us all to keep moving. Our sincere sympathy to his wonderful family. Grateful for God's gift of Salvation we can be reunited!*



Wayne and Sheila Stave - April 18, 2023 at 11:43 PM

SS

“ *Ted was very special to Len and I. He and Len had many heated political arguments over the years when Ted would stop by on his bike, but they always parted as friends and "see yah next time". Under his watchful eye I decorated an egg which was harder to do than I could put up with and ended up purchasing some of his.. He and I went to a special event at the science theater in the cities and he was a walking history book. Such an Enjoyable man and such a gentleman. He loved his family so much and was proud to live in Verndale.. May the memory of his music remain forever in our hearts and in our minds. A good soul. Heaven awaits.*



Sally Siegler - April 18, 2023 at 10:10 PM

RA

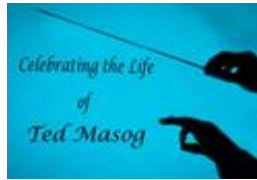
“ *Roger JoAnn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog*



Roger and JoAnn Anderson - April 18, 2023 at 10:09 PM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



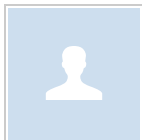
Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 18, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ AI Mary Beth Dolezal lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog



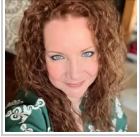
AI and Mary Beth Dolezal - April 18, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ted Masog.



April 18, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“*Never before have I encountered such a talented and authentic individual as Mr. Masog. Looking back particularly after graduating, it is even clearer to see what a rare gift this man was to our world. Having the privilege of being his student for band, Spanish, and piano lessons, and being accompanied by him for singing in weddings, it was extremely evident how vastly intelligent, professional and gifted he was.*

I know he loved his family immensely, and his love for God was seen in his dedication to Him in countless ways.

One would walk into the band room and hear classical music playing in surround sound in between classes. You could hear him converse with ease in Spanish with his students. How he ever got used to the taste of what I call “detox spray” when he’d take any instrument from a student, “spray it and play it” with ease to show how it was done is beyond me! He told me initially he didn’t want me to be a drummer “because percussion always gets yelled at” when deciding on an instrument in 5th grade. The screeching of recorders playing seemed to go unnoticed as he poured his heart into showing youngsters what love of music was all about. In pep band, Mr. Masog picked fun and popular tunes for the current era, and many a spectator/athlete were hyped while warming up for the game to his choices.

Each of us kids were blessed to have him in our lives as a teacher and friend. And we thank his family for patiently sharing him with us through the years, even to the point of opening their home and hearing student interactions in piano lessons.

Well known for his blaze orange knit hat and water proof royal blue jacket while riding his bike faithfully, Mr. Masog was a pillar of this community and left a song in all our hearts.

You are missed, and we’re grateful for the memories.

Heather Van Batavia Rohwedder - April 18, 2023 at 12:39 PM

JM

This is one of the most wonderful tributes to Grandpa Ted I have ever read. Thank You for sharing♥♥

Jenny Masog-Podratz - April 18, 2023 at 08:26 PM

KA

“ *Kim Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog*



Kim Anderson - April 17, 2023 at 08:58 PM

JC

“ *Jim Janell Carr sent a virtual gift in memory of Ted Masog*



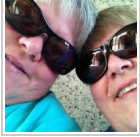
Jim and Janell Carr - April 17, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ted Masog.*



April 17, 2023 at 07:55 PM



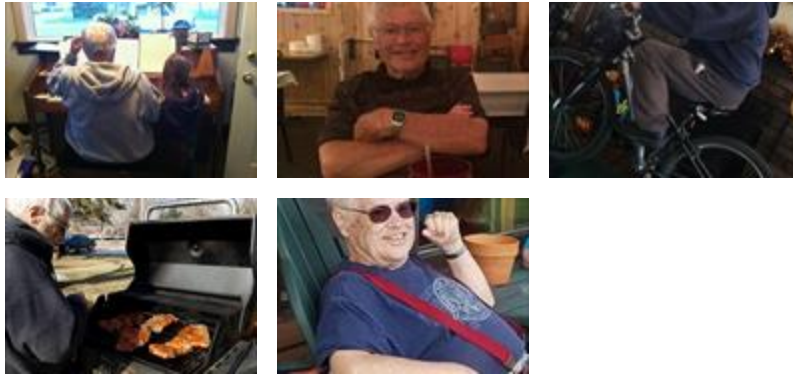
“ Rocky Reese sent a virtual gift in memory of Ted Masog



Rocky Reese - April 17, 2023 at 06:54 PM

JM

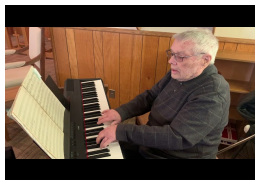
“ 8 files added to the album Memories of Grandpa Ted



Jennifer Masog-Podatz - April 17, 2023 at 01:33 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Masog-Podatz - April 17, 2023 at 01:28 PM

MK

“ Michele Kuppich lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog



Michele Kuppich - April 17, 2023 at 11:53 AM



Anthony Waisanen

“ I remember Ted hosted a dinner at his house for our 11th grade Spanish class on a chilly fall day. He introduced us to a condiment called "chili". He warned us that it was a condiment, not a side dish. One of the males in our class was confident he could stand the heat, and heaped a pile on his food. One bite, quick chew, swallow...and realization of a new definition of "spicy". We also learned that ice water only moves the burning sensation around, it does not put out the fire. We continue to cherish the Easter eggs he decorated for my mother many years ago. He was a kind, loving, reverent man who freely gave much to many and made the world a better place.

Anthony Waisanen - April 17, 2023 at 11:09 AM

TH

“ Tammie Hamlin sent a virtual gift in memory of Ted Masog



Tammie J. Hamlin - April 17, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ted Masog.* ”



April 16, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ *Joe Kern lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog* ”



Joe Kern - April 16, 2023 at 09:52 PM



“ *Bob and Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog* ”



Bob and Kathy Derby - April 16, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Gene and Mary Denny sent a virtual gift in memory of Ted Masog* ”



Gene & Mary Denny - April 16, 2023 at 12:06 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog*



Marladene Heinen - April 16, 2023 at 11:32 AM

JJ

“ *What a gifted musician and such a great friend !!*



Jon & Patty Johnson - April 16, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ted Masog.*



April 16, 2023 at 09:22 AM

CO

“ *Carol Osborn lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog*



Carol A Osborn - April 16, 2023 at 07:55 AM

SO

“ Sharyl Olson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ted Masog



Sharyl Olson - April 16, 2023 at 05:50 AM

NB

“ Ted I am sure you are enjoying all the music in Heaven. Thanks for all the music you provided for many. Leona and Neal Bowman



Neal & Leona Bowman - April 15, 2023 at 09:16 PM

PA

“ Ted was such an awesome man with a big heart He had such a Big Heart for Family and Friends There is a emptiness in all of our Hearts my Heart goes out to the Family at this time of Great Loss love you all



polly anderson - April 15, 2023 at 08:48 PM

BB

“ Sympathy and prayers to the families!!



Bruce and Barb Brown - April 15, 2023 at 08:45 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Ted Masog.* ”



April 15, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Mr. Masog* ”



Nick and Shelly Willis - April 15, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *Mike Ortmann lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog* ”



Mike Ortmann - April 15, 2023 at 08:37 PM



“ *Roger Wiese lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog* ”



Roger Wiese - April 15, 2023 at 08:10 PM

DC

“ Dale Marlene Campbell lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog



Dale and Marlene Campbell - April 15, 2023 at 08:05 PM

DH

“ Deb Lyle Haraldson lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog



Deb & Lyle Haraldson - April 15, 2023 at 07:52 PM

DC

“ Mr. Masog's instruction and encouragement was very appreciated by this kid who learned to play the bass guitar under his tutelage. I was blessed to know him. I'm very sorry for your (and our) loss.



Dan Crocker - April 15, 2023 at 07:34 PM

JP

“ So sad to hear of your loss. It was good to see him at Easter egg hunt breakfast. God needed his musical talent. May God grant you all peace and comfort. Deepest Sympathys. Jay and Jackie and families



Jay Perius - April 15, 2023 at 07:32 PM

KS

“ Karen Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog



Karen Schumacher - April 15, 2023 at 06:36 PM

MS

“ Mike and Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog



Mike and Lea Snyder - April 15, 2023 at 05:13 PM

LH

“ Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog



Leo Haisman - April 15, 2023 at 05:07 PM

LM

“ Linda McIntire lit a candle in memory of Ted Masog



Linda McIntire - April 15, 2023 at 04:43 PM