



Kenneth F. Decker

February 23, 1943 - January 19, 2015

Kenneth Francis Decker's battle with cancer ended on January 19th, at Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital. Ken, of Binghamton, NY, was born Feb. 23, 1943 and is predeceased by his parents, Harold F. and Elizabeth J. Osterhout Decker.

After graduating from Blue Ridge High School, Ken entered the military, serving in Thailand and playing baseball for the Army. He worked for John M. Contro & Sons Plumbing and Heating for many years.

Ken leaves behind his beloved wife of 49 years, Carolyn Harkins Decker.

Among the bereaved are 4 brothers: Ronald Decker and his wife Judy, Hallstead, PA, Andrew Decker, Hallstead, PA Fred Van Loan and wife Joyce, Davie, Florida, and Ben Van Loan, also of Davie. Included are nephews Eric Decker, Mike and Tim Decker, and Jacob, Sam, and Max Van Loan.

He had many dear friends, including Dan and Dave Brown and Ihor Melnyk, who lent Ken and his family immense support in the years leading up to his death.

Ken will be missed also by Hirshel, one of several cherished schnauzers that he and Carolyn shared their home and life with.

Ken loved the outdoors and was always ready to canoe down the Susquehanna river with his family. Throughout the years he was a skilled ball player, avid ice skater, and enthusiastic player of table tennis. He also enjoyed water and cross country skiing, along with anything that involved spending time with his loved ones.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, January 24th at 10:00 am, followed by a funeral service at noon, at the Tuttle-Yeisley Funeral Home, Inc. Hallstead, PA. A luncheon is planned after the services. Friends and family welcome.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

PO Box 814
Hallstead, PA 18822

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Tuttle-Yeisley Funeral Home, Inc.
25 Susquehanna Ave.
P.O. Box 936
Hallstead, PA 18822
(570) 879-2287
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Service

JAN 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RC

“Kenny "Duke" Decker was a hero to me in my childhood. He was two years older. I lived across the street, and his house (and the barn behind) were always open to us kids. His Mom Betty, and brothers Ron ("Tub") and Andy ("Purse") would allow me to go with them most every Sunday when we all hiked in the woods, snow being no deterrent especially on the Loomis hills. There was fake basketball in the barn and always some sort of "test" in the trees, on the roofs or through the woods between the tracks and the river. Duke was a "grown up" before we understood the words. He was above our childhood spats and disagreements, and taught us calming good judgment. Best of all, he tolerated us. My family moved away in 1960 when I was 14, but on the day before we left I went out on the Susquehanna with him and his brothers. I've always missed him, as I honestly think he was the first guy I admired enough to emulate. I came back to visit in the early eighties and spent a couple of hours with him in Virginia Kirby's kitchen, where he filled in the preceding twenty years. He was always kind, and a remarkable man.

Rich Ciottone

Richard Ciottone - December 06, 2016 at 08:44 PM

FL

“Ken, my brother, you were an honorable guide and excellent companion to me my whole life. You were a steady moral compass and a voice of wisdom and comradeship. Though there was considerable time and distance between us it did not divide our hearts. My brother, my mentor, you are loved, adored, and missed immensely. Fred

Frederick Van Loan - January 23, 2015 at 07:15 AM

RF

“ *Ruth H. Freelove Franks lit a candle in memory of Kenneth F. Decker*



Ruth H. Freelove Franks - January 22, 2015 at 04:12 PM

RF

“ *Ken you were a great classmate and will be missed. Deepest sympathies to the family and May God Bless.*

Ruth H. Freelove Franks - January 22, 2015 at 04:12 PM

JD

“ *Janes Diner lit a candle in memory of Kenneth F. Decker*



Janes Diner - January 22, 2015 at 04:34 AM

TO

“ *Kenny will be missed by many, Caroline please know he is out of pain resting with GOD ! so glad we god to know both of you. love Eugene & Terry (welch) Osterhout Deltona, fl.*

terry osterhout - January 21, 2015 at 07:32 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White* was purchased for the family of Kenneth F. Decker.



January 21, 2015 at 06:49 PM



“ *Kenneth was a wonderful guy he loved all his family, Caroline I feel sorry for your loss,, I know you and Ken was real close, He is with GOD now . Just take one day at a time .Love you girl. Gerry Decker.*

Gerry Decker - January 21, 2015 at 11:27 AM



“ *Marie Little lit a candle in memory of Kenneth F. Decker*



Marie Little - January 20, 2015 at 01:28 PM



“ *Sally Donohue lit a candle in memory of Kenneth F. Decker*



Sally Donohue - January 20, 2015 at 01:25 PM

TD

“ I will always remember cross country skiing up at Hawkins Pond with Kenny.



Timothy Donohue - January 20, 2015 at 01:24 PM

SC

“ Suzie Casazza lit a candle in memory of Kenneth F. Decker



Suzie Casazza - January 20, 2015 at 10:57 AM

JC

“ Kenny, how can we ever forget you as Captain of the Senior Canoe - Patriarch of the Susquehanna Sojourners? I love you Kenny, rest in eternal peace and joy - I'll be looking for you on the river every year.

Joan Casazza - January 20, 2015 at 10:47 AM

JC

“ Joan Casazza lit a candle in memory of Kenneth F. Decker



Joan Casazza - January 20, 2015 at 10:45 AM