



## William Joseph Decker

July 13, 1925 - December 27, 2015

William Joseph Decker, 90, of Lake Ridge, Virginia passed away on Sunday, December 27th, 2015, surrounded by love and his favorite music. He is survived by his children, Karen Decker Bernoussi of Springfield, Kim Decker Waters of Lake Ridge, Kevin Decker of Beacon, New York, siblings Betty O'Conner of Lake George, New York, Raymond Decker of Sebastian, Florida, Martha Keane of Lynbrook, New York, Conrad Decker of Ringwood, New Jersey, and grandchildren Zaki Bernoussi, Driss Bernoussi and Olivia Waters.

Having served in the United States Navy in the South Pacific, Mr. Decker was a veteran of World War II. He later graduated from the College of Insurance in New York City, after which he had a 40-year successful career as a marketing specialist with the Crum and Foster Insurance Group. Mr. Decker was a devoted husband to his wife of 62 years, Burnette Decker, who passed away in May of 2014. He served as a Knight of the 4th degree with the Knights of Columbus and was very active in the Catholic Church. In retirement, he was a fixture in the West Springfield Little League, where he served on the Board as one of the "gray hats" as well as the dugout grandpa for his grandsons. Mr. Decker loved sports and enjoyed his part-time job at the Greendale Golf Course until shortly before his death.

Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315 on Friday, January 1st from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church,  
12975 Purcell Rd, Manassas, VA 20112 on Saturday, January 2nd at 11 am.  
Interment to be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday, May 17,  
2016 at 1 PM.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Joseph Decker*

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October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Bill was the kind of guy one wanted to see when entering the clubhouse. His greeting by name, his repartee, his genuine friendliness were marks of a true gentle man. I will not be the only one to miss him. Requiescat in pace.*

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January 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *On behalf of the Greendale Senior League, our condolences to Bill's family. He was a fine man, a gentlemen, a friendly countenance to all who came to play golf at Greendale. Gary Marco, league president.*

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January 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I just met Bill in this last year as we were employees at Greendale Golf together. Bill was a very sociable man always with a smile to share and a warm handshake. We shared a common ground since we both served in the U.S. Navy, and Bill could usually be coaxed to tell a salty tale or two. Would kid him about what it was like to work on ships with masts and sails and he would just dryly remark and wave it off with his hand "oh it wasn't really all that hard", then wink and smile out of the corner of his mouth.  
So glad I had the chance to meet and know him; so sorry we have lost such a decent soul.  
Condolences to Bill's family and to all who knew this good man.  
Gonna miss him...

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December 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ The best that you could say of any man you could say of Bill. He was a true gentleman.

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December 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so happy to have been able to spend a couple of beautiful days at the New Jersey shore with Uncle Bill this past summer to celebrate his 90th. What a great time we will never forget. We love you. Forever in peace. your niece Debbie. Xoxoxo

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December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM