



William R. Decker

July 25, 1934 - May 15, 2017

North Hampton – William R. Decker, 82, of North Hampton, passed away Monday, May 15, 2017 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital with his daughters by his side due to complications of heart disease. Bill shared 55 years of marriage with his late wife Dolores (Mita) Decker who predeceased him October 27, 2011.

He was born in Gloucester, Mass., July 25, 1934 the son of the late Captain Andrew and Annie (Sheehan) Decker.

Bill was a graduate of Gloucester High School with the Class of 1952 and was a veteran of the Korean War serving with the US Marine Corps. In 1960 he graduated from Springfield College, Springfield, Mass. and briefly taught and coached wrestling at the high school level before making a career change to business.

He joined Liberty Mutual Insurance Company of Boston and worked in sales and marketing management reaching the level of vice president of the Liberty Life Company. He retired in 1992 with 25 years of service. He cherished the employees he mentored and his many colleagues became lifelong friends. His wife Dolores regularly accompanied him on his business travel throughout the US.

Bill began playing golf at age 35 and it became a lifelong passion. He was a former member of Wentworth By The Sea Country Club and his home proudly displays many golf trophies. Bill and his wife Dolores enjoyed entertaining friends and family, travel, gardening and home decorating.

Survivors include two daughters, Laura Fitzgerald and husband Mike of New Bern, NC, Carolyn Cebula and husband Gary of Wilmington, NC, five grandsons, Andrew Fitzgerald and wife Shannon of Fredrick, MD, Eric Fitzgerald, Kevin Fitzgerald and wife Jenna all of Denver, CO, Alexander and John Cebula of Tampa, FL, four great grandchildren, Connor, Katelyn, Owen and Meghan of Fredrick, MD, nieces and nephews, his sister-in-law, Frances Decker and brother-in-law, Kenneth Mita and his wife Gini and lifelong friend, Eileen Silva.

In addition to his wife and parents he was also predeceased by his siblings, Priscilla D. Evans, Andrew Decker, II, Arnold Decker, and Harriet Decker and Eileen Silva's husband, Ronald.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. If desired memorial donations may be made to The First Tee of New Hampshire, 22 North Road, North Hampton, NH 03862 or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 www.heart.org/. Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

Cemetery Details

Center Cemetery

186 Post Road
North Hampton, NH 03862

Tribute Wall



“ *William R. Decker*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Carolyn and Laura*

Bill was a good friend for many years. I first met him at Liberty Mutual in the early 80's where he was a great champion and leader of Individual Life Marketing. Bill respected and supported all of us who worked with him. When he retired he was missed but enjoyed many good years with his beloved wife Delores

In the last 6 or 7 years we met regularly for lunch either just us or with other Liberty friends. He was the same good guy despite health problems. He loved his country and was especially proud of his service in the Marines. I won't forget him.

John O'Donnell

John O'Donnell - August 08, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ *Just learned of Bill,s passing. So sorry we were not able to connect in the past several years.*

He was a great friend and classmate during our high school years. Many fond memories to be sure.

Ron Harnish

Ron Harnish - June 07, 2017 at 12:19 PM

CO

“ Carolyn - you and your family are in my prayers. May you find peace during this time of loss. Grace be with you. Cathie Owen

Cathie Owen - May 24, 2017 at 10:43 AM

BR

“ Thank you Bill for allowing me to be a friend. Sherry and I enjoyed you and your daughters company

brian robertson - May 18, 2017 at 07:04 PM

KM

“ Laura and Carolyn and your families, we are so saddened to learn of Bill's passing. We were just speaking with him a while ago and making plans to visit him. Uncle Ken and I will surely miss him. We remember how he took care of your mother in her time of need, learned how to nurse her and care for her.

He showed us all what true love and in "good health and bad" really mean. His unselfishness and caring were truly inspiring to the rest of us.

He is now with his beloved Dolores. We will all miss him as we all miss Dolores but we will remember both of them every day in our thoughts and prayers.

Much sympathy and love from Bill's brother-in-law, sister-in-law, and families.

*Love,
Uncle Ken and Aunt Gini*

Ken & Gini Mita - May 18, 2017 at 03:29 PM

DM

“ Our sincere condolences to Decker family. Although you may have not known it, Bill had an extended family of friends and people who cared deeply about him in the North Hampton community.

His deep Patriotism, confidence and pride are things we will always remember about him whenever we imagine seeing him at his favorite seat.

"RIP" Bill

Your friends at the 180

David Martel - May 18, 2017 at 09:09 AM

MD

“ I love you Uncle Bill and make sure you give my regards to my Pops, Uncle Arnold and your Dad. I'll have a Mass or several offered for you and I thank you for your friendship and good times and conversations we shared. I miss you.

Love,

Your Nephew Michael

Michael Decker - May 17, 2017 at 02:53 PM

ME

“ Carolyn and Laura and your families, near and far, and to Bill's dear friends, especially Eileen, Paul and I offer our sincere condolences on the passing of your dad. It has been an honor and a privilege to know both your dad and mom. We thank your dad for his service to this country. We have many fond memories of Bill in better health and happiness. May your own special memories ease your sorrow. He is now with Dolores, the love of his life, Together Forever.
Sincerely, Megan and Paul

Megan - May 17, 2017 at 05:50 AM