



Chester E. Decker Sr.

May 5, 1926 - February 12, 2023

Sussex- Chester E. Decker Sr., age 96, of Sussex, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 12, 2023 surrounded by family.

Chester was born May 5, 1926, to Chester and Alice Decker of Sussex. After graduating Sussex High School in 1944, Chet enlisted in the US Army and trained as a paratrooper during World War II. Having grown up working on his family's farm, Chester became a milk truck driver and President of the local Teamsters Union during Jimmy Hoffa's reign as mob boss. Chet traveled to Washington DC in the early 60s to work with and assist the federal Justice Department during the Kennedy brothers efforts to rid the truckers unions of mob control.

Upon leaving the teamsters, Chet, with the help of the GI Bill, opened his own company, Sussex County Glass, located in Sparta, NJ. He ran a successful business for four decades passing it on to his son, Chester Decker Jr..

Chet married Madeline Johnson March 25, 1950. Chester and Madeline Decker went on to have three children, Chester Jr., Paula and Christine.

Upon retiring Chester continued to enjoy the activities he loved; hunting, fishing, golf, reading and travel. A lifelong member of Lt. Charles Auberger Post 213 American Legion of Sussex, Chet was the oldest surviving member. A true nature's man, he was often found outdoors, regardless of the weather.

He loved living on Lake Pochung in the summers and considered a trip to Kenya with his son-in-law, Daniel Everitt, a highlight of his experiences.

Chester was predeceased by his daughter, Paula (Decker) Everitt (2016) and

his wife, Madeline (Johnson) Decker (2022). He is survived by his son, Chester, Jr. and his partner Susan Cox; his daughter, Christine (Decker) Henry and her husband Donald Henry; his grandchildren, Chester Decker III, Sara (Decker) McManus, Andrew Decker, Christopher Decker, Rory Everitt, Dana Everitt, Morgan Everitt, Devin Henry and Logan Henry; and his great grandchildren; Madeline Decker, Jaxon Decker, Zach McManus, Sydney McManus, Graham Decker, Max Decker, Savannah Decker, Mason Decker, Riley Everitt and Sierra Everitt.

A private service was held Thursday, February 16, 2023. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Sussex, 4 East Main Street, Sussex, NJ 07461 or Father John's Animal House, 50 Father John's Lane, Lafayette, NJ. 07848.

Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Clove Cemetery

Route 23
Sussex, NJ 07461

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ To all of you left behind- He was so proud of his children and grand children and reveled in their acomplishments. It seems like only yesterday that he would bring his Mom, Alice, into the office. Over the almost 20 years since we left Sussex, his emails meant so much to me. They were full of dry wit, good sense and shared memories, and most recently the pain of loss. I will never forget him. Hugs to all of you.

SUSANNE CHIN - February 22, 2023 at 07:05 PM

DS

“ Dear Christine, Chester and family,
David an I send our sincere condolences to all of you.
We grew up in Sussex so we knew your parents. David and his family were neighbors for about 10 years, with your parents. In 1952 your dad took David to his first MLB game at Polo Grounds to see NY Giants. Over the years they always talked about everything but mainly about baseball and the military. Chet was so proud to have serviced as a paratrooper during WWII. He was such a kind, caring man. David will miss their talks.
I went to school with Chester (JR.) So I have always known the family. Your parents were both so kind and friendly, I enjoyed talking with them when we would see each other, no matter where we were.
Sincerely,
David & Dee Shepherd

David Shepherd - February 21, 2023 at 01:43 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Decker's passing. He was a friend of my dad - John Hunt. They were both members of "The Buck and Doe Hunting Club" .

He is now free from all pain, has found Eternal Peace and is on his way home to be with loved ones, whom have longed to see him...

Marsha Hunt Myers, Fountain, Colorado

Marsha Myers - February 20, 2023 at 07:24 PM