



Madeline J. Decker

December 21, 1924 - April 22, 2022

Sussex -Madeline J. Decker, age 97, peacefully passed away on Friday, April 22, 2022 at her residence while surrounded by her loving family. Born in Sussex to the late Harry and Emma (Byrd) Johnson, Mrs. Decker graduated from Sussex High School in 1942 and resided in the borough all of her life. She began her career in the banking industry with the former Farmer's National Bank and was then employed by National Community Bank and the Bank of New York, when Mrs. Decker retired. She was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Sussex and had served as the church treasurer for many years. Mrs. Decker was a Trustee of the Sussex-Wantage Public Library Association, a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Sussex Fire Department, member of the former High Point Garden Club, member of the Red Hat Society and in her younger years, was a Girl Scout leader. Besides her parents, Mrs. Decker was predeceased by her daughter, Paula Decker Everitt on April 2, 2016; her brother, Harry Johnson, Jr., and her sister, Willeta Knoblauch. She is survived by her devoted husband of 72 years, Chester E. Decker, Sr.; her son, Chester E. Decker, Jr. and his companion Susan Cox of Wantage; her daughter, Christine Decker Henry and her husband Donald of Wantage; nine grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren. Private funeral services were held for the immediate family at Clove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Madeline Decker's memory to the First Baptist Church of Sussex, 2 East Main Street, Sussex, NJ 07461. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank

Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Private burial services were held at Clove Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Chet & Sue*

John and I are so sorry to hear the news of your mothers passing. We just found out today. May she be out of pain and at peace with the lord. condolences to your family.

Nancie & John

nancie walker - May 05, 2022 at 03:27 PM

SC

“ Dearest Chet and family,

It's been twenty years since we left Sussex and through the magic of the internet, we have continued to stay in touch.

My admiration for your continued strength in meeting so many recent losses is endless.

Madeline was the epitome of grace and femininity. She softened all the hard lines of a world full of pain.

After seventy plus years together, I don't doubt the road ahead of you will be difficult, but you are so blessed to have support and love from the wonderful family that you both created and that surrounds you.

In Hawaii, they share an expression- "A hui ho- until we meet again."

*With loving aloha,
Susanne
Mokuleia*

SUSANNE P CHIN - April 30, 2022 at 08:18 PM

DS

“ Dear Chet and family,
Our sincere sympathy to the family. David and I grew up with the Decker family. Madeline was always a kind, caring lady. David lived next door to them when he was young, and remembered Madeline working at the bank, but she always had time to talk to the neighborhood kids, that was before she and Chet had children. David also remembered Madeline having him come to her home to watch cartoons on the TV, because at the time he didn't have a TV. I went to school with Chester, so I had always known her, also. We always enjoyed our talks with her and Chet when ever we would see them at the store, or just in town. She was a grand lady, and she leaves us all with wonderful memories. Our prayers and love to the family, David & Dee

David Shepherd - April 30, 2022 at 12:12 PM

LP

“ Sincere condolences to Chester and family. Madeline was such a great person. I loved the entire family as I was at their house a lot. The family was special to me. Till we meet again

Linda and Bub Predmore - April 29, 2022 at 05:58 PM

BD

“ So very sorry for your loss, Madeline was a good friend of my, Aunt Marian Stronigan Marshall, Her Mother, Emma was my Sunday school teacher at the First Baptist Church, oh so many years ago. Many fond memories. RIP Madeline.

Betty Trudgen DeGroat - April 29, 2022 at 05:08 PM

AB

“ Sending my condolences to Chet & Family it was such a pleasure serving you for many of years..you two were always the most beautiful couple and I treasured both of you. Rest In Peace Grandma Decker forever in our hearts ❤️

Alyssa Brarman - April 28, 2022 at 10:32 PM

SJ

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. She was a wonderful neighbor for the 47 years I lived in Sussex.

Sandi Jones - April 28, 2022 at 10:11 PM

KC

“ My deepest condolences to the family. My mom, Sherry Stewart, worked with her at the bank for many years.

Kimberly Cortright - April 28, 2022 at 09:07 PM

DS

“ She was one of the sweetest woman I have know. Always smiling.

Denise Stickle - April 28, 2022 at 04:50 PM