



Marlene Mae Decker

June 1, 1939 - April 30, 2023

Sussex - Marlene Mae Decker, age 82, passed away on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at her home peacefully. Marlene was born in Sussex to the late Merritt and Edith "Edy" (Courtright) Decker. She attended Sussex Elementary School and graduated from Sussex High School, now High Point Regional High School. Marlene attended Trenton State College on a Teachers' Association Scholarship where she studied to become a teacher. Marlene served with dedication and distinction for thirty three years as a teacher in the Vernon Township Public Schools. Marlene taught at Walnut Ridge Primary School, Rolling Hills Primary School, Glen Meadows Primary School and Cedar Mountain Primary School. Marlene received many awards and citations as an excellent teacher; most notably, Marlene was runner up for the New Jersey State Teacher of the Year in 1976. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her dearly loved sister, Connie J. Podorf in 2022. Marlene is survived by her beloved brother-in-law, Fred Podorf and her close friends, Marg Cross and Trish and Horst Hopf. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Interment to follow at Fairview Cemetery. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Marlene's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, Illinois 60601. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Route 284
Wantage, NJ 07461

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Marlene was my neighbor for years. May she Rest In Peace.
Despena Eptamenitis*

Despena Eptamenitis - May 02, 2023 at 10:56 AM

RG

“ *Renate Gratzl purchased the Sweet Tenderness
for the family of Marlene Mae Decker.*



Renate Gratzl - May 02, 2023 at 09:42 AM

AS

“ *Marlene was such a sweet, kind person. Sending prayers and hugs
to her loved ones.*

Ashley Swords - May 02, 2023 at 08:42 AM

DS

“*Marlene was truly one of the kindness people I have ever met. I first met the Decker ladies in the late 60’s, while visiting my Uncle Rudy. . Marlene was at many of the Parrella gatherings where we would sit and chat for hours! I eventually landed at Rolling Hills as a 2nd grade teacher under Marlene’s supervision. She made sure we crossed our T’s and dotted our I’s. What a wonderful mentor she was to all of us!*

She was always smiling and laughing! I can still hear her laugh. As sad as I feel, I’m happy her suffering has ended and she has joined Ede, Connie and my uncle! I hope they’re reminiscing about their fabulous cross country trip!

Marlene will always hold a special place in my heart, for making me be the best teacher I could be!

Rest in peace sweet soul!

Thinking of you, Fred, and hope you find peace with all your memories!

Deborah Swan-Halpin - May 01, 2023 at 08:15 PM