



## George A. Decker

November 2, 1943 - July 23, 2015

Loudonville-George (Papa George) Arnold Decker, 71, of Loudonville passed away on Thursday, July 23, 2015.

George was born in Rensselaer, NY, on November 2nd, 1943. He graduated from Rensselaer High School as part of the class of 1962, and joined the US Army.

George served as a Heavy Armorer in the US Army active duty from August 1963 to August 1966, and the Army Reserve from August 1966 to August 1969, rising to rank of Corporal Specialist and earning a National Defense Service Medal. He married his wife, Kathleen (Nealon) Decker, on May 23, 1970; they were married for 45 years.

George served as a Volunteer Rensselaer Firefighter for over 8 years, and worked for J Becker and Sons for over 40 years. He was an avid Yankee fan, Nascar fan, and a coach to both of his sons' baseball and basketball teams. He was a lifetime member of the Latham Knights of Columbus, the Colonie Elks Lodge, and Watervliet Hibernians. George will be remembered as a loving husband, wonderful father and grandfather. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and supporting them at all their endeavors. He also loved traveling to his home in Valrico, FL.

“Papa George” is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and two sons; Mike (Pamela) Decker, of Valrico FL and Mark (Elizabeth) Decker of Albany, NY. He is also survived by his six grandchildren: Arianna, Annaliese, Teagan, Ashlin, Hunter, and Callan.

Funeral services Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 9:15 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville at 10:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call on Monday, July 27, 2015 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment with full military honors will follow the Mass at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville at 1:00 pm.

Those wishing to remember George in a special way may send contributions to StayInStep, 10500 University Center Drive, Suite 130, Tampa, FL 33612 or by visiting [www.stayinstep.org](http://www.stayinstep.org), an organization caring for veterans with spinal cord injuries.

To leave George’s family a message on their guestbook, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit [www.mcveighfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
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<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

JUL 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Our Light Catholic Church  
1 Maria Drive  
Loudonville, NY

## Graveside

JUL 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery  
200 Duell Road  
Schuylerville, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of George A. Decker*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - July 27, 2015 at 11:38 AM



*Beautiful Kathy, just beautiful. I also enjoyed seeing the pictures of your Mom...Marie's and my high school teacher.*

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**Mary Miles** - August 05, 2015 at 07:53 PM

AN

*My Grandpa- he watched me grow up and I remember when I was swimming in his pool, me and my sister were splashing he yelled at us because the water was overflowing. later that night during dinner he told us that he yelled because we were taking the water droplets away from their family we never did that again.*

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**Annaliese** - March 19, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ *George A. Decker*

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**George A. Decker** - October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

MM

“ *May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

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**Montana Mackenzie** - August 20, 2015 at 01:41 PM

JB

“ *Kathy & Family - My heart goes out to you and your family at this difficult time. I would like to express my sincere condolences, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Joyce Brown*

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**Joyce Brown** - July 30, 2015 at 08:19 PM

KD

*Thank you Joyce  
Kathy*

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**Kathleen Decker** - August 05, 2015 at 12:45 PM

TP

“ *Dear Kathy, Michael and Mark.....George was a very kind and gentle man. We are blessed to have known him! Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time and the days ahead.*

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**Terry and Kathy Payne** - July 28, 2015 at 04:01 PM

JC

“ *So sorry to hear the passing of George .thoughts our with your family*

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**John Chest** - July 28, 2015 at 02:36 PM

JM

“ *Kathy, we want to say how sorry we are to hear of Georges passing. We wish you and your family thee best during this difficult time. Jay Mohr*

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**jay mohr** - July 27, 2015 at 09:41 PM

“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - July 27, 2015 at 11:24 AM



“ KATHY AND FAMILY, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.  
MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.  
DON COTTER  
MELBOURNE, FL.



Don Cotter - July 26, 2015 at 05:26 PM

CB

“ Kathy...  
*In this whirlwind hour of shock and sadness, may your sorrow be tempered by the joyful grace of God, whose sustaining power is able to uphold and keep you (Isaiah 41:10). Though I am unable to be physically present with you, please know that I am praying for you. As your family gathers in loss, may your gathering yet bring joy and laughter and the sharing of blessed memories.....*  
Reverend Dr. Carolyn Bellamy Lester  
Rochester, NY



Carolyn Bellamy-Lester - July 25, 2015 at 12:44 PM

KI

“ *To the Decker Family ,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.  
George was a wonderful man.*

*The Shanno family  
Kim, Justin, Adam and Kyle*

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**kim** - July 24, 2015 at 05:39 PM