



## Howard Franklin Decker

June 25, 1942 - March 13, 2024

On Wednesday, March 13th 2024, Howard F. Decker passed away. He was surrounded by his family. He was survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Helen. His three children, Phillip and Beth Wright, Bryan and Amy Klitz and Mark Decker. Three grandchildren, Brenden Klitz, McKenna Klitz and Caitlin Wright. His brother Chris Decker, and a sister Dianne Decker. Howard was born in Frackville, Pa on June 25th 1942. He was the son of Naysh and Anna Swoyer Decker. He was fortunate to grow up in a loving family with 5 sisters and one brother.

Howard graduated from Immaculate Heart High School in Fountain Springs, Pa. After High School he joined the Navy and served on the USS Newport News. Howard then joined the Pennsylvania State Police in 1966. He loved being a policeman. During his career, he mainly worked as a criminal investigator and attained the rank of sergeant. He was the first Director of the newly formed Missing Persons Unit. He retired in 1993. Howard was an energetic person and knew he wanted to continue working, and decided to start a painting company The Finishing Touch. He painted many homes in the Harrisburg area.

Howard loved playing tennis, he was fortunate to live across from the tennis courts when he was growing up. He was considered All Park in Frackville. He played into his seventies. He coached his son's baseball teams, attended swim meets, football games, gymnastic meets and piano recitals. He also was an avid Notre Dame fan. In the fall, he would be watching it on TV or listening

to it on the radio.

Everyman dies, but not everyman lives. Howard had a wonderful life and did live.

A celebration of life will be held at the Army Depot, New Cumberland, PA, at the Riverside Ballroom on Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 1:00 PM. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to [hddomer6@gmail.com](mailto:hddomer6@gmail.com) by April 30, 2024.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Decker family.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

JUN 23. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Army Depot  
New Cumberland, PA 17070

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest In Peace Brother Howard.*

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**Tom Durilla, PSP Troop M. ret.** - April 03, 2024 at 06:58 PM

JR

“ *To the Family: I'm very sorry for your loss. Please accept my sympathies. Hold onto the memories you made & shared for comfort & strength...Jim Rabenold*

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**Jim Rabenold** - April 03, 2024 at 07:29 AM

KK

“ *Helen so sorry to hear about Howard. Sympathy to all of your family. I have been blessed to know Howard growing up and he enlightened me about the state police. I know my mom and dad really enjoyed you being their neighbors. I know he fought hard thru his illness. Condolences to you, Beth, Amy and Mark plus families. Prayers being sent your way. Kim and Bob Kozik.*

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**Kim Kozik** - March 20, 2024 at 09:00 PM

BG

*Helen sorry to hear about Howard. Our sympathy to all of your family. He was a great person and good neighbor in Knox. We were blessed to know him. Beth, Amy and Mark and families condolences to all of you. Thoughts and prayers to all. Brenda and Jim*

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**Brenda Gruber** - March 21, 2024 at 09:53 AM

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*Tom & I extend our heartfelt sympathies to you & your family. We will never forget Howard's good sense of humor & love of life. hang on to the memories & the love you shared. may this give you strength to keep going. Our prayers & thoughts are with all of you.*

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**Tom & Mary McAndrew** - March 23, 2024 at 11:14 AM

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*Helen, I am so sorry to hear about Howard. Jeanne just told me today. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincere condolences.*

*Steve Westerlund*

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**Steve Westerlund** - April 18, 2024 at 08:32 PM