



Mary Lynn Decker

November 20, 1948 - November 10, 2019

Mary Lynn (Turk) Decker, 70, of Pingree Grove, Illinois died on Sunday, November 10, 2019, at St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin surrounded by family.

Mary was born on November 20, 1948, in Muncie, Indiana to Frank and Vaunzine Turk. She moved to Lockport, Illinois as a teenager and graduated from Lockport West High School. Mary's work-life took her from FBI secretary in Washington DC to donut maker and administrative assistant in the Chicagoland suburbs before wrapping it up as a friendly gift shop attendant in Rockford. None of this work, however, filled her with the absolute joy of her true callings – faithful sister, loving wife, doting mother, proud grandmother, and meticulous homemaker.

Mary was delighted to celebrate 50 years of marriage to Don Decker on September 27th of this year with a breakfast party that she ensured accommodated the busy lives of all her children and grandchildren. Together, Mary and Don proudly raised three children while enjoying a lifetime of “scooping the loop” together. They were blessed with six grandchildren whom Mary adored. Each one was the most beautiful or handsome and smartest in the world through her loving eyes. Attending their school and sporting events, cooking their favorite foods, and checking off their Christmas wish lists were among her favorite past times.

Mary is survived by her husband, Don Decker; their three children, Diana Decker of Hampshire, Illinois, Don Decker (Katie) of Spring Lake, Michigan, and Derek Decker (Kristie) of Gilberts, Illinois; and six grandchildren, Grace and Daniel Garcia of Hampshire, Marne and Delaney Decker of Spring Lake, and Kyle and Emrick Decker of Gilberts; two siblings who were also her best friends, Judie (John) Brady of The Villages, Florida and Frank "Ed" Turk of Marengo, Illinois.

She is preceded by her parents; and two granddaughters, Samantha and Ashley Decker.

Funeral Services at 11 AM Saturday, November 16 at St. John Lutheran Church, 13N535 French Road, Burlington with a luncheon to follow immediately in Fellowship Hall. Burial will follow the luncheon in the Hampshire Center Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 13N535 French Road, Burlington on Friday, November 15, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in Mary's name to Hampshire (Illinois) Township Park District - Youth Programs.

Cemetery Details

Hampshire Center Cemetery

17N002 Harmony Rd
Hampshire, IL 60140

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St John's Lutheran Church
13N535 French Rd
Burlington, IL 60109
(847) 683-2338

Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Decker.* ”



November 15, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Decker.* ”



November 14, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ *5 files added to the album Mary's Family Life Snapshot* ”



Judie Brady - November 14, 2019 at 08:47 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Decker.*



November 13, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ *43 files added to the album Mary's Family Life Snapshot*



D.D. - November 13, 2019 at 12:20 PM



*So sorry for your loss. Sounds like Mary had a beautiful life. God bless.
Debbie LaPierre*

Debbie LaPierre Roesler - November 13, 2019 at 11:01 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Decker.*



November 13, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Decker.*



November 13, 2019 at 08:49 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mary Lynn Decker.*



November 12, 2019 at 11:26 PM