



Helen L. Decker

December 29, 1930 - January 28, 2022

Helen Louise Decker (nee Stock), long-time resident of Sterling Heights, passed away surrounded by loved ones in her home on January 28th, 2022. She was born on December 29th, 1930, and recently celebrated her 91st birthday with her favorite indulgence, Oreo blizzard cake. She was a loving mother to her five rambunctious sons: Stephen (Jodi), Thomas (Pam), Lawrence (Diane), Matthew (Susan), and Michael (Michele), as well as a wonderful grandmother to her sixteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She met her husband and soulmate, Thomas Decker, in 1953 and after a quick courtship was married on August 7th, 1954.

With a passion for books, Helen served as a librarian for the Detroit Public Library in her early adulthood. At age forty, she was accepted into Macomb Community College's Nursing Program and worked as a registered nurse at Holy Cross Hospital from 1972-1985. After retiring from nursing, she transitioned to the family business, Decker Auto Parts, where she had the pleasure of working everyday with her sons and grandchildren until she fully retired at age 87.

When she was not working, she could be found antiquing or watching TCM with a piping hot cup of coffee and piece of cornbread on her favorite couch. She also loved traveling with her best friends, some of her favorite spots included Alaska, St. Thomas, and Hawaii (in hopes of finding Magnum, P.I.). She also enjoyed visiting family in the upper peninsula and her cottage near Clare, Michigan. She had a deep affection for music and spent her adolescent

years attending concerts and meeting musicians. She can be quoted on several occasions saying she was so attracted to her husband due to his close resemblance to her favorite musician, Glenn Miller.

Helen was a woman of great faith and devotion always putting God first, family second, and the Detroit Lions third. She possessed the unique ability to befriend any animal, and she is already passing out treats in heaven to all her old and new furry friends (watch out Betty White). She was greeted at Heaven's gates by her parents, George and Evelyn (nee Elegeert) Stock, sister, Lucille Ptach, and her husband, Thomas, just in time for their first Valentine's Day together in 28 years, and to spend eternal rest with our Heavenly Father.

For those that may be unable to attend Helen's funeral mass, the service will be live-streamed at the church, and a link will be posted in the obituary the day of her mass

Helen's family will receive friends for visitation on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, February 2, instate beginning at 10:30 a.m. until the time of her mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Matthias Catholic Church, 19 Mile Road, Sterling Heights. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery ~ Ira Twp

6900 Church Road
Ira Township, MI 48023

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Rosary

FEB 1. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Utica, MI 48317
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Visitation

FEB 2. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthias Catholic Church
12311 19 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Funeral Mass

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Helen L. Decker*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - February 02, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Helen L. Decker.*

February 07, 2022 at 09:01 PM



“ *Sending my Decker family love and prayers, she truly was the sweetest lady and I've known her my whole life. I remember her rose bushes and how she was always there for us neighbor kids...I know she's at peace and the heavenly reunion must be awesome! Love you all...❤️🙏🙏🙏*

Linda Bostock - February 02, 2022 at 06:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen L. Decker.*



February 02, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen L. Decker.*



February 01, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother, Helen. What a very lovely person! Had not seen Helen since the last Decker family reunion at hr son's house. Always very pleasant. My mother Gertrude, shared some things of grandma Deckers with her, when mom & dad moved from their home on Kensington in Detroit. Mom always enjoyed visiting with Helen. Her interest in antiques showed when she visited our home in Warren, for my mom's 75 th birthday, she spotted dishes that were my grandmother's & immediately shared the background history of them.*

We have kept in touch over the years by simply exchanging Christmas cards. She always filled me in with her yearly activities. A lovely, gentle, kind person , a pleasure to know will be missed. May she Rest In Peace.

Donna (Decker) Schalk

Donna Schalk. (Decker) - January 31, 2022 at 10:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen L. Decker.*



January 31, 2022 at 08:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen L. Decker.*



January 31, 2022 at 08:25 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the whole Decker family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Hugs Bob and Audrey Robertson*

Audrey Robertson - January 31, 2022 at 08:03 PM



“ *Dale R. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Helen L. Decker.*



Dale R. - January 31, 2022 at 03:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen L. Decker.*



January 31, 2022 at 12:47 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Helen L. Decker.*



January 31, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen L. Decker.*



January 31, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ *My condolences go out to the Decker family and friends. So sorry to hear this. Sending prayers and thoughts to your family. 91 WOW she lived a long wonderful life. Sue Gelders* 💕🙏

susan Gelders - January 31, 2022 at 10:09 AM

TC

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the Decker family and friends.
Peter, Tina and Gino Costa

Tina Costa - January 31, 2022 at 08:59 AM

JG

“ Jane, Scott and Ethan Garland purchased the E
merald Garden Basket for the family of Helen L.
Decker.



Jane, Scott and Ethan Garland - January 30, 2022 at 05:23 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Helen L. Decker.



January 30, 2022 at 02:32 PM