



## David W. "Dave" Decker

December 21, 1960 - November 15, 2023

David W. "Dave" Decker, age 62, of Kankakee passed away Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee. He was born December 21, 1960 in Kankakee, the son of Wayne & Carol (Zybd) Decker. Dave married Donna Alderson on February 14, 1981 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Dave had worked for The Daily Journal his entire career. He had also been a Press Foreman for USA Today. Dave was a graduate of Bishop McNamara Catholic High School. He enjoyed watching NASCAR and football and enjoyed his trucks. Dave had a love for vacationing in Door County, WI every summer with his family.

He was a parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and St. John Paul II Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Donna Decker of Kankakee; one son Brian Decker of Kankakee; five grandchildren, Colin, Ben, Noah, Liam, and Lexi; his father, Wayne Decker of Kankakee; one niece, Tammy Decker of Chicago; great friends, Larry King, Nate Young, and Tom Riordon; and beloved dogs, Shelby Jo, Buddy, and Jasper. Dave is preceded in death by his mother, Carol Decker; one daughter and son-in-law, Sara & Justin Loring; one brother, Mark Decker; and beloved dogs, Teddy and Jack.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 12:30 p.m. funeral service on Monday, November 20, 2023 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in

Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 20. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Worked with Dave for many years at the Journal. Have some great memories with him outside of work as well. The fishing trips to Canada were so much fun. So many things to say about him. He was a really great guy. RIP Dave.*

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**Tom St.louis** - November 20, 2023 at 02:18 PM

TL

“ *Our deepest sympathies are with all of the Decker family. Growing up as neighbors and our parents being life long friends, we spent a lot of time with them. Our hearts are broken but I know David is among angels with Carol welcoming David into heaven . Rest easy David*



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**Tricia Ciaccio Langevin** - November 20, 2023 at 10:53 AM

TS

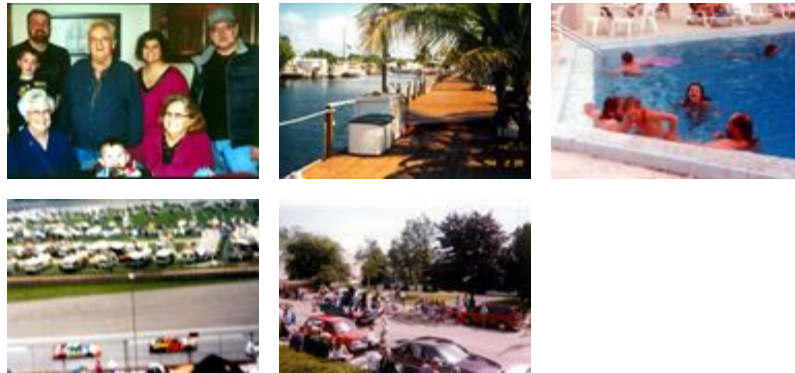
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**Tom St.louis** - November 20, 2023 at 01:14 PM



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - November 18, 2023 at 09:35 AM

TM

“ *Deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family The Decker family is rememberd as a beautiful family where we were all neighbors In White City where i grew up at Rest in peace David 🙏❤️ gone to soon fly high David 🙏😊 very sad to hear*

**Theresa Mary Walker Martin** - November 18, 2023 at 08:14 AM

WM

“ *Deepest sympathy to Wayne and to all of the Decker family and to Dave's friends as well.*

**William Maass** - November 17, 2023 at 06:13 PM

PZ

“ *We are so saddened to learn the news of David's passing. Sending sincere thoughts and condolences to Donna and family and also to Brother on your loss.*

**Paul Ziemer** - November 17, 2023 at 11:36 AM

MK

“ *Dave you will be truly misses, you enjoyed a full life with friends and raised a family to be truly proud off*

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**mike kerouac** - November 17, 2023 at 11:06 AM

KD

“ *Wishing you comfort and peace during this difficult time.  
Kathy Decker*

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**Kathy Decker** - November 17, 2023 at 08:39 AM

FG

“ *No words can describe or give comfort to the losses that you have endured over the years. Carolyn and I are praying for peace to you, “Brother,” Donna and all of the Decker family. With love and respect,  
Chick and Carolyn Gianotti*

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**Francis J. Gianotti** - November 17, 2023 at 08:00 AM

TB

“ *Sympathy is extended to The Decker Family. Sorry for Your Loss.*

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**The Bucks** - November 17, 2023 at 06:05 AM

BF

“ *Wayne sorry for your loss I did not know him but if he was anything like you he was a good man. You have my condolences*

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**Bill Farlander** - November 16, 2023 at 07:28 PM