John "Jack" Decker Jr.

May 15, 1930 - October 14, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of John Henry Decker Jr. (Jack) share the news of his passing on October 14, 2018. Jack passed peacefully in his home in Hudson surrounded by family at the age of 88.

Jack was born on May 15, 1930 to the late John and Violet Decker. Jack was predeceased by his sister Ann O'Neil and brother Stanley Decker. Jack is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Decker. In addition to his wife he is survived by his children Brian (Terry) Decker, Erin (Bill) McNary, and Melinda Hallenbeck. His grandchildren Todd (Suany) Leedy, Kristen Decker, Brian (Ashley) Decker, Samantha (Ryan) Maker, Josh Leedy, Tyler Hallenbeck, and Zachary Decker. His great grandchildren Brian Teator, Natalie Leedy, and Jack Leedy. He is also survived by his sister Jean Salvatore and brother James Decker. As well as several nieces and nephews.

Jack lived his entire life in Columbia County. He was raised in Philmont and eventually moved to Hudson, where he raised his children with his wife. Jack enjoyed having his entire family together for dinner on a weekly basis.

Jack enjoyed working with his hands and continued to work until he was 85. He began working as a teenager at the Kenny Shiver gas station in Philmont. Jack later joined the army where he served for 2 years from 1951 to 1953. He spent time stationed in Alabama. When Jack returned to Hudson he worked

for Lorbrook Textile Factory as a mechanic. Jack could fix any type of machinery. Jack was a member of the American Legion. He could often be found there on Friday nights calling bingo. Jack also enjoyed spending weekends at Lebanon Valley watching the races.

Friends and family are invited to call at Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, 110 Green St., Hudson, on Wednesday from 10-12. Services will be held immediately following the calling hours. Burial will be held in Mellenville Union Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visiting Hours

OCT **17**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT **17**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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Jack loved being involved, and we loved it - he was the mayor of the neighborhood. At one time, he was mowing 11 yards a week, and that wasn't very long ago. He was a sweet, sweet man and so good to us.

In whatever alternate universe he's in now, he probably already has at least five yards lined up to mow.

We loved him.

Rajesh

Rajesh Parthasarathy - October 17, 2018 at 03:32 PM

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Jack was the patriarch of our little family on Aitken Avenue. He came to have coffee on weekend mornings, shared the news of the week, and participated in our little jokes around the neighborhood. He took us under his wing when we moved here and helped us manage becoming homeowners. We included him in everything and did nothing without his input. He was as dear to us as any family, and all our friends and family enjoyed coming up to Hudson to see him. He's known far and wide in our circle, from New York City to Nashville and Arkansas, and to San Diego and even as far as India.

When we drive up from the city, we don't say "we're going to Hudson, we say 'Let's go see Uncle Jack!"

We'll still keep saying that.

Paula Capps Sarathy - October 17, 2018 at 03:29 PM

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So very sorry. He was so kind and a good neighbor to my mother. Please know I am thinking and praying for you all.

Linda LeSawyer Dousharm - October 15, 2018 at 05:36 PM