



Paul Robert Decker

November 29, 1952 - September 21, 2025

Paul Robert Decker, 72, of Philmont, NY, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2025, after a courageous battle with esophageal cancer. Born on November 29, 1952, in Hudson, NY, Paul was the son of the late Bertha Shufelt Decker and Bradley Decker of Philmont. He attended Ockawamick School, where he first developed his love for sports, and later went on to college in Albany to play basketball. Anyone who knew Paul knew they could find him on a basketball court—either playing the game he loved or teaching a child new tricks and plays. Basketball and hard work were lifelong passions that brought him joy and purpose.

Paul built a life defined by dedication, generosity, and craftsmanship. He founded his own construction company, where his attention to detail and skill earned him the reputation of being a truly great builder. For Paul, construction was never just a job—it was a calling. He poured his heart into every project and took pride in creating spaces that would serve families and communities for years to come. Beyond his work, he was always eager to lend a hand and use his talents to help others.

Paul was preceded in death by his father, Bradley Decker; his mother, Bertha Decker; his sister, Jane Decker; and his wife, Susan Decker. He is survived by his children: daughter Devin (Alex) Keyser, son Justin Decker, and daughter Sara (Tom) Murphy; his brother, David (Betty) Decker; and his beloved grandchildren: Addisyn Keyser, Camdyn Keyser, Lily Laverack, Thomas Murphy, and Quinn Murphy.

He will be remembered not only for his craftsmanship and work ethic, but also for his kindness, generosity, and the love he shared with those around him. Paul's legacy lives on in the homes and projects he built, the lessons he taught, and the countless lives he touched.

Funeral prayers will be offered Thursday September 25, 2025 at 12:00pm.

Visitation, prior to prayers will be from 10:00am-12:00pm. All services will be from the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home. Interment will be in Mellenville Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Taconic Hills Youth Basketball League, P.O. Box 519, Philmont, NY 12565.

Cemetery Details

Mellenville Union Cemetery

Mellenville, NY

Previous Events

Visitation Hours

SEP 25. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-3371
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

VB

“ Valerie Milligan Burgess lit a candle in memory of Paul Decker



Valerie Milligan Burgess - October 20, 2025 at 01:24 PM

MO

“ Paul hired me in 1998 when he remodeled the McChord's home. I had just immigrated to the United States from Africa. He was a kind man. Rest in peace, Paul.

Momoh

Momoh - October 16, 2025 at 09:53 PM

JN

“ Joan Lemler & Ken Nowak lit a candle in memory of Paul Decker



Joan Lemler & Ken Nowak - September 27, 2025 at 07:29 PM

DM

“ Diane E McNeill lit a candle in memory of Paul Decker



Diane E McNeill - September 24, 2025 at 09:13 PM

DK

“ *Devin Keyser lit a candle in memory of Paul Decker*



Devin Keyser - September 22, 2025 at 04:03 PM

JM

“ *Janet Macfarlane lit a candle in memory of Paul Decker*



Janet Macfarlane - September 22, 2025 at 02:29 PM

DG

Paul seemed able to solve any problem that arose in my old house. He was very generous with helpful advice. I thought of him as a good friend

David Greenstein - October 19, 2025 at 06:34 PM