



## Charles "Skeet" W. Decker III

June 19, 1942 - April 21, 2020

Charles W. "Skeet" Decker, III., 77 of Bluffton, passed away on Tuesday morning, April 21, 2020 at Signature Health Care & Rehab. in Bluffton. Skeet was born on June 19, 1942 in Bluffton to Charles W. Decker, II. and Jean (Crum) Decker. He graduated from Bluffton High School with the class of 1960. Skeet served in the Indiana National Guard from 1963 to 1969. He continued the family business, Deck's Super Service that was founded by his father in 1934 and was the owner and operator from 1979 until his retirement. Skeet and Rebecca J. "Beckie" (Monore) were married on February 8, 1964 in Bluffton.

Skeet served on the Wells County Sherriff's Department Merit Board and was a former board member of the Wells County Creative Arts Council. He could be found for many years, enjoying lunch with his friends on Friday at Pizza Hut in Bluffton.

Survivors include his wife Beckie of Bluffton along with his son Charles "Chuck" W. Decker, IV. of Poneto.

His is preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Kelli J. Decker on January 19, 2019.

Private Family service will be held with Greg Townsend officiating. Burial will take place at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to Signature Health Care for Resident Activities.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich,

Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends are encouraged to share memories or words of encouragement with Skeet's family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Brian Call lit a candle in memory of Charles "Skeet" W. Decker III*



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**Brian call** - September 12, 2022 at 01:08 PM



“ *Charles "Skeet" W. Decker III*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

JE

“ *TO: Chuck, Mrs. Decker, and family*  
*'Skeet' was a special person, and my life was richer for knowing him. We shared interest in the political/governmental world, though not of the same party. Yet, those political roots never stood between us in word, deed, or thought. Our home community was well served by 'Skeet' in so many ways. Few of us will be remembered as "fondly" as 'Skeet'.*  
*Thoughts and prayers to the family.*  
*Jeff Espich*

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**Jeff Espich** - April 29, 2020 at 02:55 AM

DJ

“ So sorry to see the passing of Skeet. I had a lot of respect for him and the way he treated and took care of his mother. I stopped in to visit him in December and he smiled so big and really was thankful and pleased I went to see him. The past couple of years have been rough for you guys- so know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
*Diane Johnson*

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**Diane Johnson** - April 25, 2020 at 07:11 PM

JE

“ Becky , Chuck & Dick King You have our deepest sympathy in your time of grief . You & Kelley were the closest people in his life. He touched many other lives along the way . Not one time did I ever hear him utter a cross word about anyone. Chas and I were friends from K-12 grades & made the journey down Main St & around " chicken square " many Friday & Sat nights in his '54 Chevy. On some occasions we were in his Dad's new Oldsmobile -- that was Very Impressive. For many years he stopped at my service station the first thing in the morning before going on to his station. What great conversations we had ! Skeet is missed alot now and forever.  
*Rest in peace my friend .*

*Jerry Garrett*

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**Jerry** - April 24, 2020 at 09:48 AM

JG

“ *Jerry & Darlene Garrett sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles "Skeet" W. Decker III*



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**Jerry & Darlene Garrett** - April 24, 2020 at 09:17 AM

JW

“ Jeff White lit a candle in memory of Charles "Skeet" W. Decker III



Jeff White - April 23, 2020 at 05:25 PM

TF

“ The Ruth Ann Monroe Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Charles "Skeet" W. Decker III.



The Ruth Ann Monroe Family - April 23, 2020 at 04:16 PM

RS

“ MY FRIEND AND COLLEGE BUDDY AT INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COLLEGE WITH OUR BUDDY DAVID BOWER, ALSO WHEN WE HIDE SKEETS CAR,

ROGER A SWISHER SR. - April 23, 2020 at 01:15 PM

SG

“ My deepest sympathies to Becky and Chuck. Skeet was a very nice man and I enjoyed talking with him and listening to his stories throughout the years!

Scott Gilliam - April 22, 2020 at 10:54 PM

TB

“ It is sad to read of our community's loss. Skeet wore many "hats." He was Tom's childhood buddy and remained a kind and supportive friend in their recent unplanned path-crossings at the "Depot." In addition to his enthusiasm for cars, he had a fine-tuned sense of style and appreciation for local history. He was an accomplished artist who pursued professional level skills and classes and devotedly produced wonderful paintings, although he shrugged off any accolades about his considerable talent. He was a strong supporter of the arts having served several terms on the board of the arts council, strengthening a value that helps keep a community in balance during fine times and "spare" times. We will surely miss him. His grin remains in our memory! For Beckie and the family, we wish you comforts and peace.

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**Tom and Maureen Butler** - April 22, 2020 at 07:56 PM

CM

“ *Skeet was a childhood friend who lived a block away. We gambled with play money, traded comic books and played games on the porch and in the yard.*

*When the city fogged for mosquitoes, we sometimes ran behind the jeep playing in and breathing the fog (probably not to smart).*

*We sometimes watched the volunteer fire fighters doing water battles on Bennett and Market Streets. His dad was the fire chief at that time.*

*Skeet got a new 1960 Chevy Corvair and liked hauling us to BHS where he was two years ahead of me. In later years, we shared stories and discussed our favorite pipe tobaccos.*

*I remember him as kind and friendly. All good memories.*

*Charlie Murray (Carmel, IN)*

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**Charles Murray** - April 22, 2020 at 05:57 PM

LR

“ *I remember him from the time I was very very young. I also went to school with Kelly. Skeet will definitely be missed by everyone in Bluffton.*

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**Lori (Harriett) Rauch** - April 22, 2020 at 10:41 AM

VJ

“ *Sympathy from the Dwight Wilson family. Doris Ann and Valerie.*

*Also Max Middaugh. He's been gone 2 years but he and Skeet had quite a history of fun!!! Good memories. God bless.*

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**Valerie Wilson Jackson** - April 22, 2020 at 10:31 AM

CL

“ So very sorry for your loss. Skeet always treated me fairly when I went to buy tires, always asked about my family. Just an all around great guy. He will be missed in the community for sure.

Crystal Flowers Loshe - April 21, 2020 at 09:15 PM

RH

“ Rosalee Hockenberry sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles "Skeet" W. Decker III



Rosalee Hockenberry - April 21, 2020 at 09:10 PM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss Becky and Chuck! I graduated with Skeet and he was in my home room all through school. He was a great guy! Praying for you! Joann Dillon Payne



Joann Payne - April 21, 2020 at 09:04 PM

HA

“ So sorry Chuck~prayers to you and your Mother! We all loved Skeet so much!My Mother Patricia Harnish and Skeet where close he always called and checked on her God Bless him! Lori Harnish

happygirl0898@yahoo.com - April 21, 2020 at 08:35 PM

HA

“ *Skeet is my cousin~• my Mother's Nephew and he was loved very much! So happy Bruce amd I saw him few years ago at the station! Love to Becky and Chuck! Lori Harnish*

happygirl0898@yahoo.com - April 21, 2020 at 08:19 PM

PN

“ *He was a very nice fellow. I remember one time he had a painting i liked propped on the shelf but when i went to purchase it, it was sold so he painted one just for me. It's stil hanging in my tv room.*

Pame Nixon - April 21, 2020 at 08:15 PM

LW

“ *Lesia Wood lit a candle in memory of Charles "Skeet" W. Decker III*

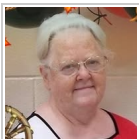


lesia wood - April 21, 2020 at 08:04 PM

SW

“ *Chuck...We are so sorry about the loss of your dad. ❤️ We are thinking of you.*  
*-James and Stacey Worth*

stacey worth - April 21, 2020 at 07:50 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Martha Poling - April 21, 2020 at 07:21 PM

MH

“ So sorry to hear of Skeets passing. He was a good friend and business associate for 40 years. I'm sure he's painting a beautiful picture and enjoying a Clark bar and cashews right now. He'll be missed.  
Marv Highlen



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**Marv Highlen** - April 21, 2020 at 07:08 PM

RH

“ Will always miss doing business with Skeet and his crew at Decks. Lots of memorable discussions! Our sincerest condolences.

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**Robin & Denette Holmes** - April 21, 2020 at 07:03 PM

AS

“ I will never forget Skeet pumping gas and cleaning our windshield in the 1960's at that little station on Elm Street. This middle schooler thought he was the coolest, nicest guy ever! In 2016, I visited with Skeet about Bluffton history for an hour or two at the tire store, and confessed my decades-long admiration. We had a good laugh and enjoyed every minute of it. I'm so sorry he's gone. May you be comforted in the good memories!

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**Ann Hamilton Shields** - April 21, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers for the Decker family! Skeet was a great man and treat to talk to, he will be missed. Kelly was waiting for him with open arms.

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**Greg Hacha** - April 21, 2020 at 06:43 PM

SK

“ *What a great citizen ! And kind man*

sharon kinb - April 21, 2020 at 06:40 PM

DM

“ *Great man....great service to our community. Our deepest sympathies to Chuck.*

Deena McClure - April 21, 2020 at 06:28 PM

KJ

“ *Chuck, we are so very sorry to hear about your dad. Prayers sent your way.*



Kurt Lisa Jack - April 21, 2020 at 04:20 PM

JS

*Chuck when I needed help you your dad and sister were there for me I certainly will miss Skeet. My sincerest condolences .*

John Smeltzer - April 21, 2020 at 07:00 PM

JP

*I am so sorry to hear about your dad man him been friends for many years I always want my work to him he was a great guy I*

John poore - April 21, 2020 at 11:36 PM

DG

*Prayers and thoughts to your famiy....Skeet was always so nice to me when I would come in for vehicle service. Dave & Marcene Gilliom*

Dave & Marcene Gilliom - April 22, 2020 at 04:54 PM

CA

“ So sorry to hear of Skeet passing. We had many great talks over the years. He will be missed by many!

**Carmie Anderson** - April 21, 2020 at 03:56 PM

MG

*Beckie, you have my deepest sympathy. God will comfort you in your time of sorrow.*

*Marcia {Nicholson} Gregg*

**Marcia Gregg** - April 22, 2020 at 12:22 PM

MS

*Dear Beckie and Chuck....Very sorry for your loss. Skeet was s great guy and a good friend to all the Smekens Family. He will be missed.*

**Mike Smekens** - April 23, 2020 at 11:52 PM

CE

*I will sure miss that kind and gentle soul. He was a neighbor when I worked at the News-Banner and we talked every day. Connie Edington*

**Connie Edington** - April 24, 2020 at 10:51 AM

KG

*I would eat lunch at the snug once in a while . I would sit with Skeet and we would talk shop . He was a really good guy . I picked up a few pointers from him along the way too . Kurt Gentis*

**Kurt Gentis** - May 05, 2020 at 12:55 AM