



Jack L. Decker

April 20, 1931 - October 29, 2024

Jack L. Decker, 93 of rural Bluffton, passed away on Tuesday afternoon, October 29, 2024, at his residence.

He was born on April 20, 1931, in Wells County to Herman and Florene (Johnloz) Decker. On June 25, 1955, Jack and Mary Lou Williams were married in Bluffton. Jack graduated from Lancaster High School in 1949. He was employed at Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne for 40 years, from where he retired in 1992 as a supervisor. He loved his farm and farmed for many years. He served as a Sergeant in the Marine Corp from 1950 to 1953. He was a member of the American Legion Post #111 in Bluffton for over 50 years. Jack attended Murray Missionary Church. He loved to golf and was a member of Green Valley Golf Club for many years. He coached little league and teen league baseball in Bluffton for many years. His family was his highlight and he was famous for his one-liners and his dry sense of humor, which kept everyone laughing.

Jack is survived by his wife of 69 years, Mary Lou of Bluffton, their daughters; Cara (Wes) Crickard of Markle and Sandy (Mike) Allred of Bluffton and their sons; Dr. Jeffrey (Shuyan) Decker of Lincoln, CA. and Timothy (Kathy) Decker of Fort Wayne, along with five grandchildren; Dr. Brooks (Dr. Heather) Crickard of Ithaca, NY., Tess (Bryan) Wight of Fort Wayne, Evan (fiancé Olivia Hoepner) Decker of Fort Wayne and Jimmy and Ben Decker of Lincoln, CA. and three great-grandchildren, Max Wight and twins, Charlotte & Elisabeth Wight of Fort Wayne. He will be remembered by his sister, Colleen (Al)

Ringger of Bluffton and a brother, Rex (Kris) Decker of Ossian.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a twin brother, Jean Decker.

Visitation will take place from 10 A.M. to 12 noon on Friday, November 8, 2024 at the funeral home.

Funeral services will take place at 12 noon on Friday, November 8, 2024 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Clark Stoller officiating. Military Honors will follow the service by the American Legion Post #111 Honor Guard and the United States Marine Corps Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Funeral Service

NOV 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack L. Decker*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 08, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 07, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ *To the family of Jack Decker - Mary Lou, Cara, Sandy, Jeff, Tim, Colleen and Rex, Special memories and prayers.
Cousin John Diehl*

John Diehl - November 07, 2024 at 08:53 AM



“ 150 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 06, 2024 at 03:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack L. Decker.

November 05, 2024 at 08:15 PM



“ Love, Tiffany and Jason Roth purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jack L. Decker.



Love, Tiffany and Jason Roth - November 03, 2024 at 07:03 PM



“ To the Decker Family. Sorry for your loss. Hold on to the memories.

Steve Kunkel - October 31, 2024 at 09:56 AM



“ Love, The CES Title Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack L. Decker.

Love, The CES Title Team - October 30, 2024 at 08:16 PM



“ Love, The CES Title Team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jack L. Decker.



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