



George Decker

April 4, 2014

George W. Decker, 75, of Syracuse, New York passed away on April 4, 2014. The son of the late Vincent W. Decker & Nina May (Garrison) Decker, George was born and raised in Pittsgrove, NJ.

As a young child George took a vital interest in music. By the time he graduated from Vineland High School he was proficient in piano, organ as well as the accordion and had served as organist to two local churches simultaneously. He had also taught the accordion, played piano on many radio programs, for weddings, concerts and many more music related activities.

George's passion for the organ led him to Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ where he received a Bachelor of Music in 1961. He was then awarded a full four-year scholarship to the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Upon graduating from Curtis with a Masters Degree, George was the youngest ever accepted to the position of assistant organist at Saint Thomas Episcopal Church at 5th Ave., New York City.

Thereafter, George continued the remainder of his adult career as organist-choirmaster at Saint Paul's Cathedral, Syracuse, New York. While there, George received time to study music under leading masters in France, Germany and Holland. While abroad he researched 15th and 16th century music, various types of organs and playing techniques and brought this

international knowledge of music to the United States. At the apex of his career, George performed a concert at the famed Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, France.

At home in Syracuse, George appeared on local T.V. on many occasions featuring the works of Bach as well as his Bell Choir, which also travelled and performed in the United States and Canada.

It has been said, "From the music they love, you shall know the texture of men's souls." George was well loved by many not only for inspiring others with his musical talents but also for his sharp wit, loyalty and his kind and generous spirit. He shall be greatly missed.

He is survived by his sister Carol and her husband Herb Brenneis as well as many other family members and friends. In addition to his parents, George's brother Gary predeceased him.

Services will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at the Porchtown UMC, 220 Porchtown Rd., Franklin Twp., NJ 08344. The visitation will begin at 9:30 AM with the service following at 11:00 AM. Interment will take place in the church cemetery. www.adamsfuneralhome.org

Cemetery Details

Porchtown UMC Cemetery

220 Porchtown Rd.
Franklin Twp., AK

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Porchtown UMC
220 Prochtown Rd.
Franklin Twp., NJ

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Henry Garrison lit a candle in memory of George Decker



Henry Garrison - April 12, 2014 at 11:45 AM

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“ Lynn And Paul Tharp lit a candle in memory of George Decker



Lynn and Paul Tharp - April 09, 2014 at 01:54 PM

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“ Carol, sorry to hear about the loss of your brother George. You are in our hearts and prayers. ~ Steve and Eileen Oczkowski

Steve - April 09, 2014 at 12:14 PM

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“ Steve & Eileen Oczkowski lit a candle in memory of George Decker



Steve & Eileen Oczkowski - April 09, 2014 at 12:11 PM