



## Larry Decator

March 11, 1929 - July 11, 2019

Pittsboro, North Carolina - William Larry Decator, 90, of Midland died July 11, 2019 in Pittsboro, North Carolina where he was with his family.

Larry was born March 11, 1929 in Big Rapids to the late William and Cecil (Plumpton) Decator.

Larry served our country honorably as a member of the United States Marine Corps on the USS Palau in the North Sea to prevent invasion by Stalin.

On June 11, 1949 Larry married the love of his life, Shirley Cole.

Larry was the superintendent of the West Side Powerhouse for the Midland Division at Dow Chemical for 32 years. In their spare time Larry and Shirley enjoyed square dancing with their friends.

Larry is survived by his son Larry (Pat) Decator, grandchildren Abbie (Matthew) Mandeville, Scott (Jennifer) Decator, Crystal Petty and William Kamovitch; great grandchildren Autumn and America Mandeville and Jackson Petty and nephew Stephen and niece Sharry (Rick) Castillo.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, wife, daughter Jill and brother John(Margaret) Decator.

Inurnment will take place at the Midland Memorial Gardens at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ We were blessed to have met Mr. Decator about three years ago, when he joined the home of his son , Larry and daughter in law Pat in N.C. What a pleasure it was every year to visit with him at their home and learn more about his life. He always had a twinkle in his eye as I teased with him and he would give me a wink. He had a full life with his beloved wife , Shirley and his children. His thoughtful kind son Joe is a testament of his love and care for his children . I will always feel I was blessed to have met him. I know he’s with his girls now in heaven , healthy and happy in the presence of our Lord.

---

**larry and April Boyd** - July 17, 2019 at 07:02 PM

SC

“ Uncle Larry was a wonderful and loving man. He and Aunt Shirley were one of my biggest influences. They were always dragging me along on vacations and camping trips! I had so much fun and those times have become some of my most treasured memories. I will never forget one particular camping trip where I got to try frog legs for the first time! With some gentle coaxing he had me not only eating them but wanting to help catch them so we could have more!

He was a caring man, always stopping at my grandparents house on his way home from the Dow. He loved his family and loved Stephen and I as if we were his own.

My faith allows me to know that he is now perfect, happily rejoicing with Aunt Shirley, Jill, my dad and all that have gone before. I will see him again but until I do, I will miss him terribly.

I love you Unc, toddle-oo!  
-Sharry

---

**Sharry Castillo** - July 13, 2019 at 07:22 AM

LS

I only met Larry recently on June 3rd of this year, but knew of him for 44 years. He was loved deeply by everyone in the family and is a true role model. Sharry said it best, and I can only add that by talking with him for 3 days my life has been changed for the better forever. RIP sir, You, Shirley, and Jill will be in my heart forever.  
--Lee

---

**Lee Smith** - July 13, 2019 at 11:53 PM