



## Ruth Marie Decker

March 13, 1942 - December 30, 2016

Ruth Marie Decker, 74, of 28 Swan Lane, Towanda passed away on December 30, 2016 at the Select Specialty Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio with her husband, Alfred L. Decker by her side.

Ruth was born March 13, 1942 in Sayre, Pa., the daughter of Walter and Pauline Warner Vanderpool. She attended and graduated from Towanda Schools. She met her husband when she and her mom shopped at the A & P store in Towanda, where he worked. They were married on September 1, 1962 in the Universalist Church in Towanda.

Ruth enjoyed visiting with her ever-growing family, celebrating birthdays and holidays, even playing baseball or croquet in the yard with her grandkids. She played horseshoes with her husband in tournaments and bowled with him at Starlite Lanes in Towanda, Shamrock Bowling Lanes in Ulster and the Wyalusing Bowling Alley. Ruth enjoyed doing puzzles, puzzle books and crocheting. She crocheted Christmas tree skirts for each of her children and grandchildren. Ruth also went traveling with her husband and family, on trips to Williamsburg, Virginia; Nashville; Branson, Missouri; and a trip in March to Daytona Beach in Florida to walk along the beach with her husband.

Ruth was predeceased by her parents, two brothers and sisters in law, David and Joan Vanderpool, Walter and Lucy Vanderpool, and four brothers in law, Ulysses Acla, Hiram Warner, Anthony Dinelli and Jeff Allen.

She is survived by her loving husband, Alfred Leo Decker at home, daughters, Patricia (Peter) Shumway of Monroeton, Cindy Decker of Meshoppen, and

Marcy (Donald) Spencer of Towanda, ten grandchildren, Amanda (Gabriel) Wagaman of Sayre, Alicia (Eric) Sutton of Camptown, Desiree Shrimp of Wysox, Meggan McClain and her fiancé Ethan Duke of Brackney, Lilly Shrimp of Towanda, Shania McClain of Meshoppen, Zena Shrimp of Towanda, David McClain of Meshoppen, Amber McClain of Meshoppen, and Madelyn Shrimp of Towanda; seven great grandchildren, Sara, Catherine, Seth, Emma, Daniel, Landon, and a little girl on the way; five sisters, Margaret Acla of Sayre, Barbara Warner of Standing Stone, Esther Dinelli of Towanda, Sally White of Wysox, and Shirley Sibley of Wysox, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. The funeral and committal service will be held Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA with Pastor Kitty Keller officiating. The family will receive friends Thursday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Wysox Cemetery, Wysox, PA. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Towanda Public Library, 104 Main St. Towanda, PA 18848 in Ruth Marie Decker's memory. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Wysox Cemetery

Route 187  
Wysox, PA 18854

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
[info@bowenfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@bowenfuneralhomes.com)

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Marie Decker*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Ruth Marie Decker*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Ruth Marie Decker*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Ruth Marie Decker*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Ruth Marie Decker*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss, your mom was a wonderful lady, have many fond memories of your mom & dad, may she be in peace now. My thoughts & prayers are with you girls & your families.*

*Bonnie Ford Wilcox*

**Bonnie M Wilcox** - January 05, 2017 at 01:45 PM

JP

“ *James Powers lit a candle in memory of Ruth Marie Decker*



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**James Powers** - January 05, 2017 at 10:01 AM

JP

*Gary has alot of good memories of Ruth and Al.we are thinking about you and your family...*

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**James Powers** - January 05, 2017 at 10:04 AM

NP

“ *I am one of Ruth's nieces and actually was her flower girl. I have many memories of her and will miss her at our family reunions. She will be missed.*

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**Nancy Potter** - January 02, 2017 at 06:54 PM

GP

“ *Gail Page lit a candle in memory of Ruth Marie Decker*



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**Gail Page** - January 02, 2017 at 06:30 PM

DS

*Thank you Gail. <3*

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**Desiree Shrimp** - January 02, 2017 at 08:01 PM

LB

“ Your family is our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Ruth was a special person. I always enjoyed seeing her during family reunions and running into while in the valley. She will be greatly missed. From Lori (Vanderpool) and Joe Brown.

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**Lori (Vanderpool) Brown** - January 02, 2017 at 06:19 PM

LL

“ Laurie Lucas lit a candle in memory of Ruth Marie Decker



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**Laurie Lucas** - January 02, 2017 at 03:50 PM

HA

“ So sorry for your loss Al, we just heard about your loss. Prayers for you and your family.  
Tom and Cathy Hawley

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**Hawley** - January 02, 2017 at 01:53 PM

GC

“ I am Leona Morningstar Dove's daughter, Gwen. We used to have family reunions in the Waverly Glen, Wysox, and Round Top Park in Green's Landing, Pa. Ruth and her sisters always played with my brother, Rick and I. I have fond memories of the Morningstar/Vanderpool Reunions.  
Rest in Peace, Ruth

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**Gwendolyn Ann Dove Crandell** - January 02, 2017 at 12:59 PM