



## James Christopher "Chris" Decker

December 25, 1954 - January 9, 2025

Chris Decker, age 70, of Buford, GA passed away on Thursday, January 9, 2025. He is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Joyce Brantley Decker; daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy Lorene Decker Aiken and William Aiken of Flowery Branch, GA; and granddaughter, Isabella Aiken. Mr. Decker was born on December 25, 1954 in Kennesaw, GA, and he graduated in 1972 from Paulding County High School. He was in the printing industry and retired from Network Publications. Mr. Decker was a member of Junaluska Baptist Church in Andrews, NC. He enjoyed antique cars and going to car shows, but he loved his family dearly and loved spending time with them, always putting them first. He was a well-loved brother-in-law and a devoted husband to his sweet wife. Chris also enjoyed being with friends and always had a ready joke!

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Mama Joyce, my heart breaks for you and I wish I had the words to say. I am praying for you and your family during this hard time. I am just so happy that you spent 51 years together - that is such a beautiful blessing. I know how much you both loved each other. Love you so much and my family and I are praying for peace and love for you during this time. ❤️❤️❤️*

Christa Wilson - January 15, 2025 at 09:46 PM

JD

*Thank you Christa. We knew his time was limited after his diagnosis of leukemia along with his CAD. When I left him Wednesday and kissed him goodnight, he asked was he fixing to die. I told him I didn't know, but his time was limited. I asked if he wanted me to withdraw the DNR order. He said "No, I'm ready to go home." He knew he had a place waiting for him in heaven, and he was not afraid to die.*

Joyce Decker - January 20, 2025 at 09:53 PM

BC

“ *It's hard to narrow it down as he was in my life since I was 11. I would spend time in the summer with him and my sister we did lots of fun things. When my kids were about the same age they would spend time with them also. He stepped up to give me away at my wedding since I had no dad. When Chris was around he lifted spirits with his remarks and jokes and always a joy to be around. He will be missed and remembered forever.*



Barbi Coleman - January 15, 2025 at 08:24 PM

JD

*Thank you Barbi. It still seems so unreal. I keep expecting him to ask if we have any sweet tea, he loved his sweet tea. I'm so glad you got to see him while he could recognize you. Before midnight, he was moved into inpatient hospice. When we went to see him on Thursday, hospice had his nausea under control, as well as his pain. We knew his time was drawing close, and those were the things that were important to us. I did not want him suffering any more. With the snow and ice, we knew we would not be able to make it to the hospital on Friday. He, evidently, did not want us to try to come on Friday; he passed late Thursday night - early Friday morning.*

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**Joyce Decker** - January 20, 2025 at 10:07 PM

JB

*“ Chris was a happy go lucky kind of guy. I never saw him not smiling. And telling jokes. I loved him and Joyce very much for the past 40 years. I met them back in the 70's when we moved to next to them as neighbors at Indian creek townhouses. From day one they were both so friendly and kind we instantly feel in love with them. We became close friends. Chris will be missed but I'm sure Joyce is glad he's out of pain now. She needs some rest now. Love ya my friend. Call me when things settle down. Jeanne. God Bless your family*

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**jeanne Blevins** - January 15, 2025 at 05:57 PM

JD

*Thank you Jeanne. I just seems so unreal. I keep expecting him to tell me some corney joke that I've heard at least 100 times. He always was the joker, he even was cutting us with his doctors and nurses in the hospital. Him and Dusty will be waiting for us on the other side.*

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**Joyce Decker** - January 20, 2025 at 10:11 PM

VD

*“ I remember the first time I met Sweetie...I felt like I knew him for ever. He was always Sweetie to me because that's what you called him, Joyce. So sorry for his loss. Love you.*

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**Valerie S Dunlap** - January 15, 2025 at 03:32 PM

JD

*Thank you Valerie. One of the nurses at our doctors office would call us back together as "Sweetie and Mrs. Decker." He always got a kick out of that. He never met a stranger and he knew all about my coworkers and felt like he knew them all as friends. Love you!*

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**Joyce Decker** - January 20, 2025 at 10:15 PM