



Delores Gertrude Decker

May 12, 1921 - March 2, 2017

Delores Gertrude (Kennelly) Decker, of Mason City, IA died Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa.

A visitation will be held from 9:30-10:30 am on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City, IA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am at Holy Family Catholic Church of Epiphany Parish, 722 N Adams Ave., Mason City, with Father Neil Manternach officiating. Interment will follow at St. Theodore's Cemetery in Albert Lea, MN.

Delores was born on May 12, 1921 in Wells, MN to Felix and Tillie (Stenzel) Kosmoski. She attended schools and graduated high school in Wells, MN. Throughout her life, Delores owned and operated "Kennelly Fabrics" in Albert Lea, MN on Broadway for 15 years and later was a hostess at Sheraton Inn in Mason City for 11 years. She was united in marriage on August 2, 1991 in Stayton, OR to John Decker, who predeceased her.

Delores was a member of St. Veronica's Church Circle, Moose, Vets-VFW, past President of St. Theodore's Rosary Society and Catholic Daughters of America.

In her free time she enjoyed playing bridge, traveling and dancing. She traveled to Europe, Branson, MO and took several cruises. Delores liked

sewing for her family and self. She was also a gardener of vegetables and flowers. Delores enjoyed cooking; her family especially loved her pickles and potato salad. She will be remembered for her kind and caring heart.

Those left to cherish her memory include daughters, JoAnne (James) Groos of St. Charles, MO and Judy (Leo) Yokiell of Newton, IA; sister, Lucille Glander; grandchildren: Daniel (Tina Oliver) Groos, Julie (Chris) Van Tassel, Jeffrey (Beth) Yokiell and Sara (Bryan) Howell; great-grandchildren: Makaio Daniel Van Tassel, Lily Kay Yokiell and Mara Ann Yokiell; special niece, Geri Hill; and great-nieces, Carrie (goddaughter) and Marijean.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Decker; parents, Felix and Tillie Kosmoski; brothers, Eugene and Alfred Kosmoski and sisters, Marge Pyle and Agnes Forcier.

Online condolences may be left at www.fullertonfh.com

Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City, IA 50401, 641-423-8676
www.Fullertonfh.com [Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhomes](https://www.facebook.com/Fullertonfuneralhomes)

Cemetery Details

St. Theodore's Cemetery

Albert Lea, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Fullerton Funeral Home in Mason City
123 2nd St. SE
Mason City, IA 50401
(641) 423-8676
mail@fullertonfh.com
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Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
714 N Adams Ave.
Mason City, IA 50401

Tribute Wall



“ *Delores Gertrude Decker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *While I only knew Delores for a short time, I enjoyed her company very much and will never forget her laugh-what a beautiful lady and a beautiful soul.*



Ed Brophy - March 06, 2017 at 10:57 PM



“ *We were fortunate to get to know Delores and John as their back door neighbors for 8 years. During that time Delores helped me make my first pie - with homemade crust, they saved us some space in their garden and kept our plants alive!, many, many conversations with both her and John while leaning on their fence in back, they both attended a few family gatherings with us and Delores was always sharing her wonderful home cooked food. We were also fortunate to get to know some of their family and friends. Delores and John are like family to us and will forever have a special place in our hearts. We are so lucky to have all of the wonderful memories we have with them. Our deepest sympathy to Delores' family, she will be missed!*

Angella Pross - March 05, 2017 at 08:22 PM

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“ So many amazing memories of "Aunt Dee"! She was such a presence in my life after my Dad's death--she attended all major milestones like graduations and weddings (and funerals) trying to keep me in touch with my Kosmoski heritage! Most of all, she encouraged and nurtured responsibility and accountability while giving me my first job working at Kennelly's fabric store. She will always be in my heart and I will miss her very much.

Linda Kosmoski Sainsbury

Linda Sainsbury - March 05, 2017 at 12:50 PM

MS

“ Delores was so active and friendly. I just knew her through walking at the mall and the coffee group there. She always was ready to share a word when I saw her anywhere. God bless you. May she be walking around enjoying heaven. Blessings to those who remember her.

Mary Irene Stanton

Mary Irene Stanton - March 04, 2017 at 07:45 AM