



Donnette Handley "Donnie" Decker

August 22, 1939 - April 2, 2026

Donnette Handley "Donnie" Decker, devoted mother and "Granny" was called home by her Lord God, passing away peacefully at her home, with family members by her side, at the age of 86, on the 2nd day of April, 2026 (Holy Thursday). She was born in New Orleans, LA. on August 22, 1939, and raised in Ponchatoula, LA. She was the youngest child of the late Lorena Landry Handley and John Duplan Handley, and was also raised by her maternal grandparents, the late Maude Schilling Landry and the late Allen Joseph Landry. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 51 years, Charles Edward Decker, III, her beloved granddaughter, Olivia Andre Decker, and her two "big" sisters and best friends, Marie Handley Janes and Hope Handley Cuccia.

She is survived by her children Charles E. Decker IV, Deborah Decker Karriker, M.D. (Bryan), and Scott A. Decker, and grandchildren: Charles E. Decker V, Mary Grace Decker, Evelyn Rose Decker, Claire Eileen Karriker, and Camille Eve Karriker. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Donnie was a graduate of Ponchatoula High School where she was voted Most Beautiful Woman by her classmates. She spent most of her life raising her three children being the loudest "cheerleader" at their swim meets, dance reviews, baseball and football games. She was also affectionately known as

“Momma Decker” to all the Sunrise Country Club, Pilney Little League, and neighborhood kids.

She will be remembered by family and friends for her unconditional love, selfless devotion to her children and grandchildren, her desire to please and make everyone around her happy, as well as her love and passion for life. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

The family would especially like to thank her physicians and medical personnel who took care of her and extended her quality of life over the past several years, and you know who you are. The family would also like to thank Anvoi Hospice for helping her “finish the race”.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH, 6500 Kawanee Ave., Metairie, LA., on Friday April 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. A visitation will be held at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home.

To share memories or condolences, please visit www.muhleisen.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church
6500 Kawanee Avenue
Metairie, LA 70003

Funeral Mass

APR 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donnette Handley "Donnie" Decker



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - April 09 at 03:10 PM

GB

Beautiful family. Your Mom had a full and beautiful blessed life. Now she is home with your Dad. 🙏💔😊

gayle Bordes - April 09 at 04:54 PM

MO

This is such a beautiful tribute video. Donnie lived a blessed life and leaves such a beautiful legacy in her children and grandchildren 🌹

Mary Ellen OCARROLL - April 10 at 02:28 PM

DT

“ Doug & Janice Trepagnier purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donnette Handley "Donnie" Decker.



Doug & Janice Trepagnier - April 10 at 12:17 PM

DT

“ Doug & Janice Trepagnier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donnette Handley "Donnie" Decker.

Doug & Janice Trepagnier - April 10 at 12:17 PM

TB

“ The Nashville Brewers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donnette Handley "Donnie" Decker.



The Nashville Brewers - April 09 at 04:26 PM

TF

“ The Lansden Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donnette Handley "Donnie" Decker.



The Lansden Family - April 08 at 11:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donnette Handley "Donnie" Decker.



April 07 at 02:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donnette Handley "Donnie" Decker.

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“ The Rhodes Boys purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Donnette Handley "Donnie" Decker.



The Rhodes Boys - April 07 at 01:41 PM