



## Robert Floyd Decker

October 14, 1916 - September 11, 2017

Gloucester: Robert Floyd Decker, 100, beloved husband and father, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 11, 2017 at home surrounded by his children and caregiver.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 74 years, Helen Cutler Williams Decker of Lake Placid, NY, and sisters, Shirley Decker Klimek of Albany, NY and Doris Decker Marshall of Martinsville, VA. He is survived by his three children, Robert A. Decker (Sue) of Richmond, Susan G. Decker and James E. Decker of Gloucester, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The oldest of three children, he grew up in Middletown, NY, an excellent student who enjoyed Boy Scouting, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. While still in elementary school he built several balsa wood gliders for which he received first place awards for unique design and long distance. A graduate of the New York State Teachers College at Albany, NY, he earned an AB Science and Math in 1934, and taught Science, Physics, Chemistry and Biology in New York State after graduation. He also earned a commercial multiengine pilots license.

Bob married his college sweetheart Helen in 1941, residing in Boston during WWII, later moving to Falls Church, VA where he raised his family. He served his country as a Commander in the U.S. Navy for 20 years including service during WWII, having served in Boston, Newfoundland, and Hawaii. He moved to Gloucester in 1981, upon retirement after 30 years of service at the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration in Washington D.C. where he was employed as a systems engineer. A major accomplishment during his professional career was Senior Project Engineer for the installation of and computerization of the National Weather Reporting Network for the FAA culminating his career as Section and Branch Chief.

He moved to Gloucester in 1981, purchasing a home on the Piankatank River where he pursued his passion for the emerging home computing industry, initially building his own computers and also enjoyed the challenges of programming and computer graphics. Over the years he produced countless personalized mementos and photo montage creations for every family member. He also enjoyed recreational sailing and boating as well as being a master of our home fix-it needs.

The family would like to express a special Thank You to the staff of Grace Hospice of Williamsburg, notably RN Patty Fischer, Dave Heffner, Hospice Volunteer, and in-home caregivers, Cheryl Wallisch, Dana Davis, Sheena Wells and Christina Roane who provided many hours of dedicated care.

The family will be pleased to receive family and friends at a memorial gathering and life celebration for Robert and Helen at Hogg Funeral Home, Gloucester Point, Saturday, September 30, 2017, with visitation from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. followed by the service at 2 p.m.

Please visit <http://www.hoggfh.com> to share condolences and memories with the family.

# Events

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<b>SEP</b>	<b>Visitation</b>	01:30PM - 02:00PM
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	Hogg Funeral Home & Crematory	
	3098 George Washington Memorial Hwy P.O. Box 990, Gloucester Point, VA	
	23062, Hayes, VA, US, 23072	

<b>SEP</b>	<b>Celebration of Life Service</b>	02:00PM
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# Comments

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**Hogg Funeral Home** - September 29, 2017 at 09:39 AM



“ I, Jim Sharp, only met Rober Decker twice. This was after bike rides with Jim Decker and friends we bowl with. We were so blessed to meet this very special person before his passing. Thank you Jim!

**jim sharp** - September 30, 2017 at 11:39 AM

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“ Love, Robert Ashley, Susan Gail and James Edward purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Robert Floyd Decker.



**Love, Robert Ashley, Susan Gail and James Edward** - September 28, 2017 at 11:23 AM

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“ My mother, Doris, adored her big brother and always looked up to him. She loved Helen like her own sister. I pray that they are all reunited in heaven now. Much love and sympathy to all my dear cousins.  
Gael

**Gael Chaney** - September 27, 2017 at 08:49 AM