JAMES ANTHONY "SKEETER" DECKER

1934-2009

DECATUR: James Anthony "Skeeter" Decker, 75, died on Sunday, September 6, 2009 in Decatur.

Skeeter was born May 9, 1934 in Munday, Texas to Laurence and Opal (Harrison) Decker. He was an operating engineer for Local 819 in Fort Worth since 1955.

He married Wilma Gene Crabtree on November 29, 1956 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He served in United States Marines.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Willie Decker of Decatur; daughter, Karen Decker of Decatur; four grandsons, Curtis and Jacob Warner of Decatur, Fred Jones of Runaway Bay, Benjamin Decker of Decatur; two granddaughters, Amber Kirbie, Jessica Evans of Brownwood; two great granddaughters, Mariah and Maci Kirbie; and nephews, Allen and Tony Decker.

Skeeter was preceded in death by his three sons, Len, Joe and James Allen Decker.

Family request memorials be made to a charity of their choice.

Memorial celebration was held at the home of Willie Decker, 2604 Lipsey, Decatur, Texas 76234 from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home 405 E. Main • DecaturTx.

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