

[Decker, Wesley]

Wesley Decker

Wesley Decker, a well known resident of Middletown, died at 6:00 a.m. Thursday, at his home, 7 Myrtle avenue, after four weeks' illness of pleuro-pneumonia, aged 58 years, one month and 20 days.

He was born in the town of Crawford, Feb. 6, 1865, a son of Jesse F. and Sarah (Crans) Decker, and was married to Minnie L. Stivers, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Randall Stivers, of Ridgebury. He spent practically his entire life in Middletown as printer and stereotyper, and for many years past had devoted his time to the manufacture of advertising plates.

He was widely known as an expert in preparing clambakes and his services were much in demand. He belonged to numerous fraternal organizations and was a fisherman of renown and an original member of the Shawangunk Fish and Game Association and the Fallsburg Fishing and Boating Club. He was also a charter member of the 24th Separate Company's Veteran Association.

The surviving members of his family are his wife; one daughter, Bessie Stivers Decker, at home; two brothers and three sisters: Wilmot, of Middletown; Charles, of Newburgh; Mrs. C. R. Wallace, of Middletown; Mrs. Abram Scott, of Scotchtown; Mrs. Edith Perlee, of Santa Paula, Calif.

The funeral was held from his late home Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Thomas H. Saunders, pastor of Christ Universalist Church [Christ Church, Universalist] conducted the services. Officers of Middletown Lodge of Elks conducted the Elks' service. Pallbearers were selected from Middletown Typographical Union. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Middletown.

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