



## Julia Szalay Decker

March 5, 1926 - September 4, 2011

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Julia Szalay Decker was born on March 5, 1926 in Elizabeth, New Jersey to James and Bertha Szalay, and passed away on Sunday, September 4, 2011 at the Richard Murphy Hospice House. A resident of Louisiana since January 1959, Julia was retired from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond.

She leaves behind her children, Barry James Decker and wife Deborah of Colorado, Nancy Decker Howes Spearman and husband Art of Loranger, Janice Decker Rodriguez and husband John "Jean Pierre" of Tickfaw, Scott Decker and wife Jackie of Tickfaw, Denise Decker Pecoraro and husband Joe of Loranger; ten grandchildren, Jephthath Decker and wife Cassie, Danielle Decker, Stephen Troy Howes Jr., Jeremy Louis Howes and wife Dana, Andrew Vernon Howes, TiJohn "Jean Revierre" Rodriguez and wife Michelle, Mark Rodriguez and wife Holly, Christina Reneé Decker Lacara and husband Sammie, Courtney James Decker and wife Tisha, Nicholas Kyle Decker and wife Brandy, Jack L. Lee and wife Marianne, Nichelle Lee; great-grandchildren, Alexis Decker, Troy and Sean Howes, Miranda and Maison Howes, Jordan, Haley and Ashley Howes, Macie Marie and Maddie Katherine Rodriguez, Mitchell Justin, Hailey Noel and Mia Jeanne Rodriguez, Loren Riley and Logen Scott Lacara, Landyn James and Gavyn Lane Decker, Destiny Hope, Nicholas Kyle and Alex James Decker, Kayla and Jayden Lee.

Julia is also survived by her “very special friend and neighbor” Ms. Mary Margaret Millet.

Preceding Julia in death were her parents, James and Bertha Szalay; three brothers and three sisters, Joseph, Balint and Frank Szalay, Margaret Szalay Boehm, Helen Szalay TenYck, Elsie Szalay; special friends, Charles and Dorothy “Dootle” Bab.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, west of Hammond on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., with visiting hours beginning at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Richard Taylor will officiate the services and interment will follow in Our Lady of Pompeii Catholic Church Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in “Memory of Julia Decker” to Richard Murphy Hospice House, 16013 Halbert Lane, Hammond LA 70403

Condolences and other information are available online at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home of Hammond.

# Tribute Wall



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Gordon Anderson##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 04:10 PM



“ Barry,  
You and your family have my deepest sympathy. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord bring you comfort and strength during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Pamela Stone##imported-end##

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September 06, 2011 at 10:53 PM



“ Janice..so sorry to hear about your mom. Wish we could be there but have to work. You will be in our prayers and thoughts.##imported-begin##Linda and JV##imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 06:38 PM



“ Nanny, I miss you so so much. I miss your laugh though I can still hear it in my memories. Love and miss you forever,  
"Christie"##imported-begin##Christina Decker Lacara##imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 06:31 PM



“ My dear cousins,

*Your Mom was such a wonderful, beautiful lady. I am saddened and will miss her so much and I am also joyous, that she is with my Mom and sharing, as they always did.*

*It hurts so, to lose those that we love. I am thinking of each of my Decker Cousins at this most difficult time.*

*Love all of you,*

*Linda###imported-begin##Linda Boehm Coffee###imported-end##*

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September 06, 2011 at 12:11 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Y'aLL are in our prayers...###imported-begin##Darren &Diedra (Dee Dee) Milton###imported-end##

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September 05, 2011 at 10:25 PM