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Funeral Services for Charles John Denker, 66, of Lake Park, were held Saturday, March 22, 1986, 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Lake Park, with Rev. Dr. Frank M. Elliott officiating. Mr. Denker passed away, March 19, 1986, at the Veteran's Hospital at Sioux Falls, S.D.

Loretta McClain, organist, accompanied the Congregation as they sang "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and "In The Garden." Denise Lev, soloist, sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Pallbearers were Scott Schwarzenbach, Steve Schwarzenbach, Devin Gentry, Terry Rodenberg, Richard Rodenberg and Richard Walker. Interment was in the Silver Lake Cemetery, in Lake Park. Military graveside rites were conducted by the Lake Park American Legion.

Charles Denker, son of Charles and Erma (Frodermann) Denker, was born January 24, 1920, at Lakefield, Minn.

On January 24, 1941, he was united in marriage to Opal Good at Cherokee, Iowa, and to this marriage three children were born, two daughters, Emily Swarzenbach, Little Falls, Minn.; B'Ann Gentry, Lake Park, Iowa; and Bryce, Arnolds Park, Iowa.

Mr. Denker was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served as Deacon. He was baptized in September of 1982

"Chuck" was a businessman in Lake Park for nearly 40 years, until his retirement in 1983.

He was a Veteran of World War 2 and received a Phillipine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Bronze Service Arrowhead and had attained the rank of Staff Sgt. He was selected Citizen of the Year in 1985, was a member of the American Legion, the V.F.W., member of the 9th Infantry Division Association, Silver Lake Sportsman's Club and Sargeant at Arms of the Legion Drill Squad.

Survivors include one brother, Earl of Hastings, Minn., two sisters, Dorothy Emerson and Elsie Jochims of Lake Park, Iowa, three grandsons, three granddaughters, two great-granddaughters, one great-grandson, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Opal, his parents and one sister, Verna.