



Arthur Leo Decker Sr.

April 21, 1928 - January 25, 2025

Arthur Leo Decker Sr., “Art” to his friends and family, was born 96 years ago in a small town in Kansas and passed away peacefully in 2025 in his Texas home, with family at his bedside. He was preceded in death by his parents; by his sister; Claudine Decker Vignery; by his nephew Scott Vignery; and by his two sons, Arthur L. Decker Jr. and William N. Decker. Art is survived by his daughter, Denise Barker; his two grandsons, Michael Chad Barker and Marshal N. Decker; his niece, Katie Vignery and her husband John Lawyer; his nephew, Craig Vignery and his family. Art was beloved by so many and will be greatly missed.

He was a very athletic child, playing many sports well. However, golf was his featured sport in adulthood and into his senior years. He also competed and placed in the long jump and the discus throw during various annual US Senior Olympics’ contests, until Covid-19 interrupted the games. He had a wonderful singing voice and played the piano. One of his favorite pieces was “Heart and Soul,” especially the duet version.

After high school, Art enlisted in the US Army and continued thereafter in the USAF Reserves, retiring as an USAF Major. Meanwhile, he graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering, later earning a Master’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from LSU. He loved to travel and visited many countries abroad, even taking a class at the University

of Cambridge in England.

To all his friends and family worldwide, please celebrate the life of Art by planting a tree, adopting a pet, growing a backyard garden, feeding the birds, and sharing dinner and dancing and memories of him.

We will see him again in heaven.