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# Palbearers

RYAN DECKER  
TAZ DECKER  
BRIAN RALPH  
RYAN FROELICH  
TYLER DECKER  
DAX DECKER  
RUSS MOSELY

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## Favorite SCRIPTURE

And let us not be  
weary in well doing.

GALATIANS 6:9



# Funeral Services

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022

Family Prayer.....Brian Ralph (Son-in-law)

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Presiding.....Bishop Andrus  
Chorister.....Kristy Pike  
Organist.....Jon Pike

Opening Hymn.....#2  
"The Spirit of God"

Opening Prayer.....Katie Decker (Daughter-in-law)  
Eulogy.....Dave Bennett (Nephew)  
Speaker.....Ali Decker (Daughter)  
Speaker.....Ryan Decker (Son)

Musical Number.....Grandchildren  
"I Feel My Savior's Love"  
Accompanied by Jon Pike

Speaker.....Taz Decker (Son)  
Speaker.....Emilie Ralph (Daughter)  
Closing Remarks.....Bishop Andrus

Closing Hymn.....#152  
"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Closing Prayer.....Tyler Decker (Grandson)

## Interment WITH MILITARY HONORS

Tonaquint Cemetery  
1777 South Dixie Drive

Dedicatory Prayer.....Jon Pike

Andrew Dean Decker, beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend, died on August 19, 2022 in St. George Utah. He was born on November 14, 1940 in Grand Junction, Colorado, to Dean Purcell Decker and Lexie Heppler Decker.

Andy was the youngest of five children. His siblings Lexie Ann, Zoe and Jim, all spoiled him. He felt like he had an ideal childhood in Grand Junction. He was surrounded with many good friends. Together they spent lots of time outdoors fishing and hunting for deer, pheasants, and ducks. During his high school years he spent his summers at Book Cliff Country Club mowing greens. He mowed ten greens, six days a week behind a push mower. He developed a great tan and a life long love for the game of golf.

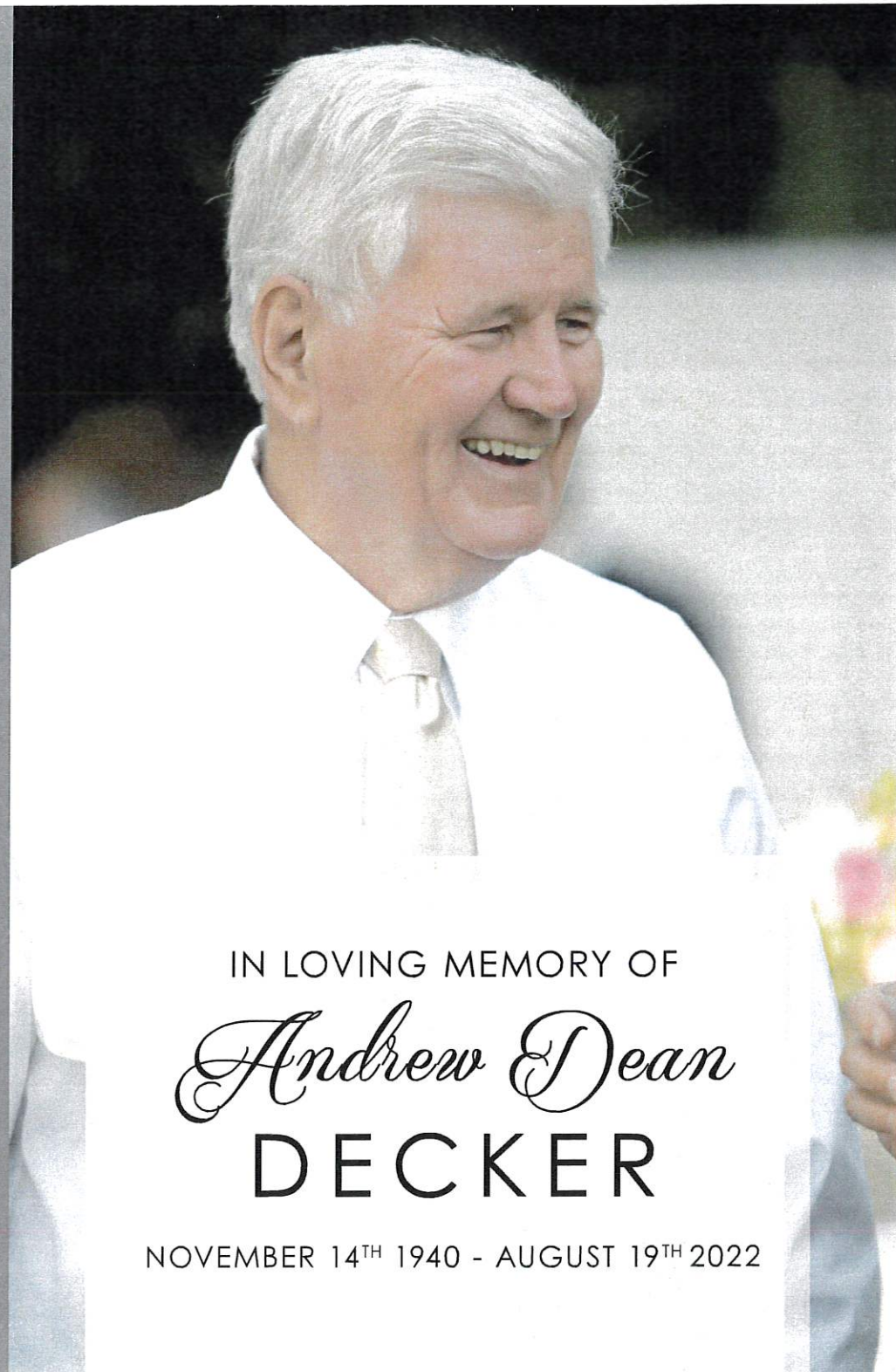
Andy served in The Eastern States Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1961-1963. After his mission, Andy attended Brigham Young University and graduated with a degree in agronomy. The day he graduated he received his draft notice for Vietnam where he served as a Lieutenant in the army. He would tell you he spent 2 years, 9 months, and 11 days in the army.

Andy was a 32 year old confirmed bachelor playing lots of golf when he met Penny and everything changed. A year later on December 14, 1973, they were sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple. In the following years they added four children to their family; Ryan, Emilie, Taz, and finally after a ten year pause, Ali.

In 1984 the Decker family relocated from West Jordan to St. George Utah. Year round golf may have influenced that decision. Shortly after, Andy bought Dixie Trophy, a business he ran for 28 years. He employed all the kids there at one time or another. They lovingly referred to the back assembly room as the dungeon.

Andy and Penny's first mission together was in the Addiction Recovery Program. Their favorite assignment was serving at Purgatory Correctional Facility. They joked about spending their Friday night dates in Purgatory. Later they served at Temple Square in the Family and Church History Headquarters Mission. While there they made many lifelong friends and experienced miracles with those on both sides of the veil. Shortly after beginning their mission Andy was diagnosed with Parkinson's. The diagnosis was later changed to Multi Systems Atrophy. After returning to St George, Andy was instrumental in organizing the Rock Steady Boxing Program. This program helps those with Parkinson's fight back and slow the progression of the disease.

Andy's greatest loves included his family, serving God and others, golf, and BYU. Andy was known for his big heart, strength of character, and gentle nature. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and a brother. He is survived by his wife Penny; sister, Zoe, children Ryan Decker, Emilie (Brian) Ralph, Taz (Katie) Decker, Ali Decker (Ryan Froelich), Eight Grandchildren; Tyler, Dax, Hadley, Lia, Presley, Jovi, Penelope, William, and one on the way. We would like to thank Rocky Mountain Hospice for over two years of loving care. We have grown to love them like family.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Andrew Dean*  
**DECKER**

NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 1940 - AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> 2022