

Richard Arthur Decko was born August 13, 1933, in Rochester, MN, the son of Robert and Ethel (Ramey) Decko. Dick grew up and began attending school in St. Paul, MN. He completed his schooling in Alexandria, MN where he has continued to reside throughout his life.

Dick enlisted in the United States Navy and served in Korea during the Korean War. After four years with the navy, Dick returned to Alexandria.

On December 26, 1951 Dick was united in marriage to Janet Prchal. The couple was blessed with two children, Steve and Sue. Dick worked at many different jobs in the Alexandria area; he ran a taxi service, a bait shop, a brake lining service and worked as a supervisor for Bellanca Aircraft and Graco Manufacturing. Later in life, he managed a bed & breakfast and drove a van for the Developmental Achievement Center. At age fifty-seven Dick considered himself semi-retired.

Dick enjoyed fishing in the summer and winter; he loved catching sunfish and walleyes. He spent time with Steve hunting grouse, ducks and deer. One of his favorite pastimes was playing golf with his friends and family. At age eighty-one, Dick scored a hole-in-one at Miltons Golf Club.

Dick was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

On Wednesday, March 20, 2019, Dick died at the age of eighty-five years. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Doniven Decko. Dick is survived by his wife, Janet Decko of Alexandria; son Steve Decko and wife, Kelly, of Carlos, MN; daughter, Sue Decko of Alexandria; grandsons, Jeremy and Daniel Decko; sister, Doris Dau; one aunt; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

*For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
But let my spirit calm your fears,
I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone!*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone...
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*



In Memory of

**Richard Arthur
Decko**

August 13, 1933



March 20, 2019

Memorial Service

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota
Monday, March 25, 2019
11 AM

Officiant

Reverend Wayne Erickson

Urn Bearers

Jeremy Decko
Daniel Decko

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota

Military Honors

United States Navy
Alexandria Veterans Honor Guard

