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Keanon Burton Cates, 95, of Fort Worth, died Friday, July 14, 2017.

Graveside service is 11 a.m., Saturday, July 22, at Oaklawn Cemetery in Decatur.

Greenwood Funeral Homes in Fort Worth is handling arrangements.

Burton was born March 28, 1922, on his grandparents' farm near Decatur. He grew up in West Texas and graduated from Plains High School. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in England during World War II and returned to Decatur and married Janice Cates Aug. 8, 1947.

After moving to Fort Worth, Burton attended Texas Wesleyan University until returning to active duty, building a career in the Air Force. He served in Korea and Vietnam. Burton retired from the Air Force June 30, 1970, as a lieutenant colonel.

Burton was preceded in death by his sister, Velda Wall and husband, Woody; brothers-in-law and their wives, Bill and Reta Martin and Paul and Mary Martin.

He is survived by his wife; nieces and nephews Galen Nippert and husband, Mike, Joe Wall, Keith Wall and wife, Nancy, Marjorie Seward and husband, Robert, Shanna Russell and husband Rodger, Patrick Martin and wife, Susan, and Mike and Steve Martin; great-nieces Courtney Nippert and Mallory, Jacquelyn and Katherine Wall; and numerous extended family members.