

## Art Eltzroth

Arthur “Art” Gaylord Eltzroth, founder of AGE Industries Ltd., passed away March 28, 2007. That day Art was doing what he liked best, hunting morel mushrooms with old friends in the woods of Oklahoma. His passion for hunting mushrooms began as a child and continued throughout his life, and every spring Art would gather his best friends and hit the woods. His last mushroom hunt was the best anyone could remember because, to Art's delight, the morels were popping up everywhere. Art never met a morel he didn't like.

Art was employed by Container Corporation of America in 1952. He started out in Wabash, Ind., A final promotion took the family to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1966, where Art was responsible for closing the obsolete CCA plant downtown and building a new, modern facility south of town. Art bought Deep Cinge, a ranch outside of Cleburne, Texas, for the family's new home, and it became a welcome place for his extended family, friends and business associates to gather for fun and fellowship.

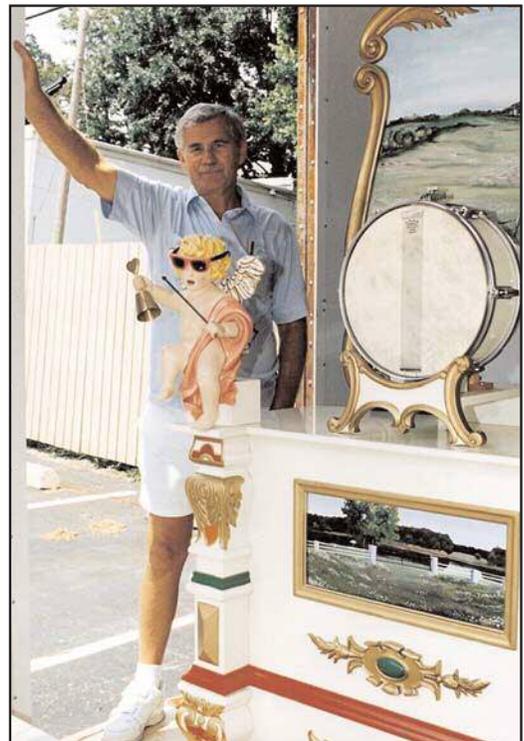
Art left CCA in 1974 to found AGE Box Company, building his first factory on the family ranch. He oversaw the expansion of the company across Texas, opening new plants in Belton, Cibolo, San Benito and Houston, and then expanded the company further, opening plants in Oklahoma and Arkansas. Later the company expanded into Mexico. Nearly 600 dedicated women and men are employed to help AGE grow and prosper. Art retired from AGE Industries in 2004 passing the baton to his family and loyal AGE employees

Art was involved in many other business enterprises. He was a successful cattle rancher. Art believed that the automotive industry was a building block of the U.S. economy and drove only cars and trucks made by American manufacturers. He strongly supported the Texas beef ranching industry and only ate beef.

Art was fascinated by mechanical music machines and was a collector. He was an avid supporter of the Sunbelt Chapter of the Music Box Society. He took his grand concert band organ to rallies, parades, schools, the State Fair of Texas and other public events from Indiana to Texas and many places in between, all the while bringing smiles of joy to the faces of thousands of children.

Members of the COAA, Heart of America Chapter of AMICA and Sunbelt Chapter of MBSI will miss Art and his rallies he hosted in Cleburne, Texas. Art left his wife, Dee; two daughters and four grand children and his beloved pet, JT;

Information regarding Art was obtained from Sam Murdock.



This photo illustrates Deep Cinge ranch on the facade of Art's Stinson organ. It also details Art's subtle sense of humor—It was not unusual to find sunglasses adorning all the organ figurines.

Ron Bopp

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