



Richard Douglas "Dick" Ashman, 75, of Kearney, Nebraska died January 26, 2019 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital.

A mass and celebration of life will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 15th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Dress is casual. Fr. Mark Maresh will officiate. As requested by Dick, no flowers please, memorials are suggested to Nebraska's Big Rodeo. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Dick was born May 23, 1943 in Burwell, Nebraska to Archie and Gladyce (Nightingale) Ashman. He was raised in Burwell and graduated from Burwell High School with the class of 1961. In getting his Assistant Professorship, he attended UNL, Missouri State and Michigan State.

Dick married Sandra Cronin on June 3rd, 1967 in Burwell, Nebraska. Dick taught at UNK for 30 plus years. While teaching he was a sponsor for the Rodeo Club at UNK for many years and also, the Spectacular Rodeo. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, and golf. He loved volunteering with the Kearney PBR (Professional Bull Riding) in December and Kearney Therapeutic Horseback Riding in the summer. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church and the Elks Club of Kearney.

Dick is survived by his wife Sandie Ashman of Kearney, Nebraska. Two children, Mark Ashman of Orlando, Florida and Nicole Ashman of Kearney, Nebraska. Two grandchildren, Megan and Makenzie Ashman of Kearney, Nebraska, Six siblings, Millie Troxel of Pawnee City, Nebraska, Sally and Gerald Burns of Atkinson, Nebraska, Mick and Mary Ashman of Lincoln, Nebraska, Carl and Joan Ashman of Minden, Nebraska, Roxanna Lahrs of Lincoln, Nebraska and Bruce and Judy Ashman of Ponder, Texas.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and two brothers-in-law, Lawrence Troxel and Arlen Lahrs. Also, two nephews Matthew Griffith and Shawn Burns, and a niece Cassidy Troxel.