



Dick Laurence Doggett, 83, of Burwell, Nebraska died on April 9, 2012 at home after seven months of battling cancer and kidney disease.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 12, 2012 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Fr. Tom Ryan will officiate. Visitation will be Wednesday from 5 – 8 p.m. at the church with a 7 p.m. Rosary. Memorials are suggested to Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Dick was born on February 24, 1929 in York, Nebraska to Harlow H. and Osa Mae (Garretson) Doggett. He was the third child born into the family. His childhood years were spent on various ranches in the Sandhills from Thedford to Brewster to Burwell. He married Elaine Simons on February 7, 1948. They moved to the family ranch north of Burwell, where they lived throughout their 60 years together. To this union seven children were born. Trucking was the lifelong passion of Dick. He hauled cattle to Omaha at the age of 14 and is probably most remembered for his hay hauling business. He operated the first chain style stack mover mounted on a truck in the United States. In later years he hauled cattle, drove transport for Blueberry Hill, and delivered Rowse Rakes equipment to all parts of the country.

Dick was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the ELKS. He was chute boss and arena director as well as a board member for Nebraska's Big Rodeo for many years. He also built the panel trailer for the bull fence and donated much of his equipment for the track and arena upkeep. He, Elaine and fellow board members traveled to area rodeos and events promoting Nebraska's Big Rodeo. He was a brand inspector, he served on the election board and helped with the blood mobile and enjoyed playing cards and spending time with his family.

Dick is survived by four sons: Gerald and Teresa Doggett of Burwell, Don and Linda Doggett of Ft. Myers, Florida, Ray and Mary Doggett and Roger Doggett of Burwell. Three daughters: Bev and Ray Brown of Burwell, Marj and Bill Manning of Valentine and Kathy and John Hogmire of Burwell. Twenty-two grandchildren and thirty –three great-grandchildren. Two sisters: Alice Rice and Joane Owen both of Omaha. Four brothers: Bob and Pat Doggett of Lakeside, Jim and Judy Doggett of Lincoln, Harry Doggett and special friend Leota Dearmont of Rose and John and Cathy Doggett of Stanton and a sister-in-law, Erma Doggett of Anchorage, Alaska.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Elaine, and two grandsons, John Brown and Matthew Doggett, and two brothers, Max Doggett and Gale Doggett.