

Donald D. Ackles passed away at home in Burwell, Nebraska on September 24, 2016 at the age of 88 years.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Burwell. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Fr. John Kakkuzhiyil will officiate. Visitation will from 5 -7 p.m. Tuesday at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to the Burwell Color Guard.

On November 9, 1927 Don was born at home, in Loup County, to Floyd and Mary (Struckman) Ackles and was the oldest of five children. He lived on various farms in Valley County and attended grade school near Arcadia, Nebraska and graduated from Burwell High School. Don often told about driving a horse drawn cart to school along with two of his sisters.

When Don was fourteen years old his family moved to a ranch thirty miles north of Burwell. He attended high school in Burwell while working at a farm near Burwell to pay for his room and board. In 1952 he was drafted into the US Army and served during the Korean War. He was on active duty for two years and served on reserves for eight more years.

On March 29, 1952 Don married Grace C. Taylor in Burwell. They later bought a ranch in the Sandhills north of Burwell near their families' homes. Over the years they worked hard to build up their ranch where Don especially enjoyed working in the shop building and creating useful equipment to be used on the ranch. Don was a lifetime member of the Clifford Clark Legion Post 298 in Burwell. Don and Grace moved to Burwell due to Don's failing health in 2012,

Don leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Grace, brother, Larry Ackles, of Chambers Nebraska, two sisters, Shirley Peters of David City, Fay and Dennis Beumont of Broken Bow, Nebraska, a sister-in-law, Ester Taylor of Burwell, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Mary Lou Dolan, brother in-laws, Paul Peters, Floyd Taylor, Bill Taylor, Jim Taylor, George Graves, and Dale Mitchell and sister in-laws, Lottie Graves, Vera Taylor, and Loretta Mitchell.