



Donald Rae Field, 73, of Hastings and formerly Burwell, Nebraska died April 21, 2018 at his care facility.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 27, 2018 at the First Congregational Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Inurnment will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Alan Petersen will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Kamp Kaleo in Burwell. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Don was born August 16, 1944 in Omaha. He attended Benson High School and enrolled in the Army upon his graduation. Don served as a medical officer in the Vietnam War era but served his duties at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. After returning from his service, he attended the University of Nebraska earning a teaching degree in mathematics. During his time at UNL he also met his bride to be.

Don married Sharon Petersen on July 25, 1969 in Burwell. They lived briefly in Creighton, NE while Don taught high school and Sharon began her career as a nurse. They welcomed their two boys, Scott and Eric, while in Creighton but soon moved to Pennsylvania where Don went to school to become a watch maker and jeweler. This decision steered the Fields back to Burwell where Don and Sharon purchased a store, Field Jewelry. Shortly after, they welcomed their third child, Becky.

They loved raising their family in Burwell for 20 years before following Sharon's career to Hastings, NE where he continued selling jewelry and then transitioned back to teaching until his retirement.

Don was probably best known for his engaging personality. He was quick to share a joke and a smile and never hesitant to start a conversation with a complete stranger, who also would quickly end up smiling and laughing. He embraced this pleasant demeanor right up until a deck of cards was shuffled, then his passion turned to competition... especially when dealing a game of cribbage!

Don was part of many organizations including the United Church of Christ, the Masonic Lodge, Burwell Chamber of Commerce, and was especially involved with Sharon in efforts to support Kamp Kaleo in Burwell. In his spare time, he enjoyed wood working, sailing his boat on the Calamus Lake, and supporting his children in 4-H and youth activities.

Don is survived by three children, Scott and Jenn (Gaedke) Field of Lincoln, Nebraska, Eric and Lori (Knoepfel) Field of Plattsmouth, Nebraska and Becky and Norm Griffin of Peoria, Illinois. Eight grandchildren and two sisters, Maurine and Bob Beason of Omaha and Lois and George Westphal of Omaha.

Don was preceded in death by his mother and step-father, Violet and Art Kaiser, a brother, Derric Field, and his beloved wife of 42 years Sharon.