



Donald Leo Sheets, 89, of Burwell, Nebraska died March 23, 2018 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Burwell. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Fr. John Kakkuzhiyil will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 – 7 p.m. Monday at the church with a 7:00 p.m. Rosary. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to hospice. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Don was born July 4, 1928 in Arnold, Nebraska to William and Rachel (Main) Sheets. He graduated from Stapleton High School in 1947. Don ranched in the area before marrying Joyce Jenkins on November 17, 1951 in North Platte, Nebraska. They lived and ranched near Stapleton and then moved to the Burwell area in February of 1959.

Don started the Burwell Roping Club and was inducted into the Sandhills Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2015. He enjoyed traveling to visit family and going to family gatherings and parties with homemade ice cream. Don and Joyce followed high school rodeos for over fifty years.

Don is survived by his wife Joyce Sheets of Burwell, Nebraska. Five children, Marcia and Russ Tiffany of Burwell, Jim and Cheryl Sheets of Mullen, Pat and Rob Burnham of Burwell, Tammi Hendricksen of Lincoln, John and Lisa Sheets of Arcadia. Fifteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great-grandchildren and a sister Colleen Sheets of Burwell.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Dave Sheets, a great-granddaughter, Brooke Burnham and three brothers, Billy, Paul and Bernard Sheets.