

Carrol Duane Ballagh, known as Duane, passed away on August 26<sup>th</sup> in David City, Nebraska at the age of 71. He was born in Burwell, Ne on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1942. He grew up north of Burwell with his parents, Glen and Helen Ballagh and his siblings, Lanny, Audine, Patricia, Barbara and Kerry. He attended grade school in a one room school house near what was once Ballagh, Ne with his mother, Helen, as his teacher and then graduated from Burwell High School in 1962. He married Faye Louise Garwood and was blessed with two daughters: Cherie Lynn of Birmingham, AL who married Ben Wood and has two children, Cecelia and Benjamin, and granddaughter, Ashtyn and Sheila Louise of San Antonio, TX who married Kevin Whitney and has two children, Vivian and Troy. In the early days of their marriage they moved to the Phil Healan ranch in Cherry County where Duane was a ranch hand. Later they moved to Burwell, NE where he worked for the Rodeo Telephone Company as a phone repair/lineman. Duane and Faye divorced after 16 years of marriage. He then moved to Prague, NE to work for the Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company as the only phone repair/lineman for all of Saunders County. He was known as the 'Phone Guy'. He then married Karma Johnson and helped raise her three children. After 15 years of marriage they divorced. He remained in Prague and retired in 2008 after 29 years of service from Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company. He enjoyed his retirement by meeting up with his friends and playing cards.

Duane is survived by his children Cherie and Ben Wood of Birmingham, AL and Sheila Ballagh and Kevin Whitney of San Antonio, TX; his grandchildren, Cecelia Wood of Austin, TX, Benjamin Wood of Birmingham, AL, and Vivian and Troy Whitney of San Antonio, TX, his great-grand daughter, Ashtyn Wood of Birmingham, AL and his siblings; Lanny and Ardith Ballagh of Burwell, Audine Woods of Kearney, Patricia and Marion Woods of Burwell, Barbara and John Harris of LaBarge, WY, and Kerry and Michele Ballagh of Burwell.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 30, 2013 at the Burwell Baptist Church in Burwell. Inurnment will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Jeffrey Wohlfert will officiate. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association.