



Gary Leon Miller, 75, of Burwell, Nebraska died March 30, 2018 at CHI Health St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the Burwell Baptist Church in Burwell. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Stan Gurney will officiate. Visitation will be Wednesday from 5 – 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. In lieu of flowers, memorial are suggested to Nebraska's Big Rodeo.

Gary was born July 6, 1942 in Garfield County to James "Bud" and Louise (Davis) Miller.

Gary graduated from Burwell High School in 1960. He married Ruth Dexter on June 9, 1963 in Burwell. They ranched in northern Garfield county until they moved to his grandpa's place in the mid 1970's. In 2007 they moved to their home northwest of Burwell.

Gary enjoyed fishing, working, horses, rodeo, roping, cows, coyote hunting, coon hunting and traveling in later years. He was proud of his team of draft horses that carried dignitaries during the rodeo parade. He also used them for haying, feeding cattle, hay rack rides and Christmas Caroling.

Gary is survived by his wife Ruth Miller of Burwell. Three children, Marty and Nancy Miller of Valentine, Nebraska, Kim and Mike Bower of Humphrey, Nebraska and Becky and Shane Spanel of Burwell, Nebraska. Seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A brother, Wilbur and Bonnie Miller of Burwell, Nebraska and five sisters, Vonnie and Ken Jurgensen of Burwell, Nebraska, Tootie and Jack Ruppel of Taylor, Nebraska, Shirley and Orrin Helgeland of Burwell, Nebraska, Dena and Rich Clouse of Rifle, Colorado and Pam and Bub Chaffin of Burwell, Nebraska.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents.