

Gerald L. Larsen, 91, of Burwell, Nebraska died quietly in his sleep on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

Services will be Saturday, February 20, 2016, at 10:30 am at the Burwell United Methodist Church with burial to follow at the Ord City Cemetery. Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Visitation will be Friday from 5-7 pm at the Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to the Garfield County Historical Society or the United Methodist Church.

Gerald was born on March 14, 1924, to Lars and Ericka (Frey) Larsen in rural Garfield County, Nebraska. He attended Joint District 61 country school and graduated from Ord High School. On June 12, 1946, he married Irene Erickson and began farming and ranching between Burwell and Ericson. Gerald and Irene had two children, a daughter Judy, and a son Larry.

In 1966 Gerald turned the farm over to his son Larry, and started a very successful second career with New York Life Insurance Company. In 1975 Gerald and Irene moved to Burwell.

Gerald is survived by daughter Judy Brownell and husband Larry of Albany, Oregon; son Larry Larsen and wife Deb of Burwell, Nebraska; grandchildren Brenda Ku, Matt Brownell, Lanny Larsen, and Tony Larsen; six great-grandchildren; sisters-in law Wanda Larsen, and Sandy Erickson.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, beloved wife Irene, brothers Clarence and Eldon; sister Eileen Timmerman.

Gerald loved visiting with people, farming, and New York Life. He loved the land, fishing, a good steak, and ice cream. He knew no stranger and will be missed by many.