



Gerald Lee Ferguson, 86, of Burwell, Nebraska died November 22, 2016 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

A memorial service will be held December 2, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Fair Building in Taylor, Nebraska. Memorials are suggested to the Kent Cemetery or the Taylor Fair Building. Pastor Del Unruh and Pastor Alan Petersen will officiate. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Gerald was born August 29, 1930 in Loup County, Nebraska to John and Susie (Reynolds) Ferguson. He graduated from Taylor High School in 1948. After graduation he farmed on the home place west of Taylor with his brother Royce. He enlisted in the United States Navy, January 1951 and was honorably discharged later that year.

Gerald married Joan Peters on May 25, 1952 in Taylor, Nebraska. They lived on the Ferguson home place west of Taylor for five years. During that time two daughters were born; Lyn in 1953 and Beth in 1955. In January 1957 they moved to Westminster, Colorado where Gerald worked for the city. A third daughter, Jan was born in 1959. In 1964 they moved to the Britton and Charlotte Peters' family farm where Gerald engaged in livestock and farming with his father-in-law. He was very appreciative and grateful for the opportunity to return to "the good life". In 1996 they retired and moved to their present home in Loup County. Gerald always farmed and ranched and retired at the age of 66.

Gerald enjoyed woodworking, horses, his kids and grandkids, visiting with his friends and neighbors, and was an avid Husker fan. He was a fifty-year member of the Elks Lodge, a member of the American Legion, and a Mid-State Co-op board of director's member. A highlight during his tenure was a trip to Hawaii for all the directors and their wives.

Gerald is survived by his wife Joan Ferguson of Burwell, Nebraska. Three daughters, Lyn and Gary Borer of Elgin, Nebraska, Beth Switzer of Sargent, Nebraska and Jan and George Acker of Ogallala, Nebraska. Seven grandchildren, Brittony (and Chuck Wilson) Robbins, Kyle (and Corrie) Robbins, Krista (and Mark Shriner) Robbins, Preston (and Kendra) Switzer, Russett (and Steve) Thompson, Stewart (and Betsy) Switzer and Sam Acker. Seven great-grandchildren, Hendric, Holden, Heston, Hyde, Vayda, Macy and Preston Switzer and one more soon to arrive in December. Also his faithful special four-legged friend, Molly.

On December 24, 2015 Gerald asked Jesus Christ to come into his heart to be his personal Lord and Savior.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Lloyd, Miles, Erwin, Wayne and Royce, two sisters, Erma and Isla and two sons-in-law's, Tom Switzer and Bernard Robbins.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.