



Harry W. Gaukel, 83, of Burwell, Nebraska died February 24, 2017.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 27, 2017 at the First Congregational Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Alan Petersen will officiate. Visitation will be Sunday from 5 – 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to the Burwell Legion Post #298 or the Burwell Fire & Rescue.

Harry was born October 1, 1933 at Burwell, Nebraska to William and Rosetta (Lakin) Gaukel. He graduated from Burwell High School in 1952. After graduation he worked at the Mead Defense Plant and the Wahoo Packing Plant. In 1953 he entered the United States Army. He did his basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas and was stationed at Wild Flicken, Germany. Harry was honorably discharged in 1955.

Harry married his high school sweet heart, Patsy Ehlers on August 21, 1955 in Burwell. They lived west of Sargent for seven years and then they moved north of Burwell for eight years. In 1971 they bought the Alfred Derner ranch west of Burwell.

Harry was the Commander of Legion Post 298 and the Burwell Color Guard. He and Pasty were active in operating the Legion Club through the years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling, camping, and the animals on his farm and ranch. He was a member of the First Congregational Church, Legion and VFW. He was a member of the Loup County Zoning Board and the Calamus Lake Association. He also enjoyed old Ford pickups and John Deere tractors.

Harry is survived by his wife Patsy Gaukel. Two sons, Larry Gaukel and Roger Gaukel all of Burwell, Nebraska. Eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Two sisters, Dorothy Schneider and Genevieve Udell both of Burwell, Nebraska and a brother, Bill Gaukel of Valley, Nebraska.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, a step-mother, Pearl and a sister, Doris Wilson.