



James Lee Wiley, 84, of Burwell, Nebraska died April 17, 2018 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on May 7, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Burwell. Fr. John Kakkuzhiyil will officiate. Military rites will be honored at Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Burwell Veterans Park or Burwell Legion Post 298.

Jim was born March 20, 1934 in Spencer, Nebraska to William and Elizabeth (Rudat) Wiley. His mother died when he was a baby and he made his home with two different aunts and uncles.

Jim graduated from Taylor High School in 1952. During his high school years he enjoyed playing football for Loup County. Shortly after graduation he went into the banking profession, starting first at the Bank of Taylor.

Jim married Alvera Van Diest on August 14, 1955 in Loup County, Nebraska. Jim served in the United States Army from 1957 until 1959. He served sixteen months in Germany. After his discharge he continued his banking career.

Jim and Alvera were house parents at Omaha Home For Boys for three years. They retired and moved back to Burwell in 1998. Alvera died February 4, 2011.

Jim enjoyed fishing, hunting, reading and Nebraska football and volleyball.

Jim is survived by three children; Bill and Linda Wiley of Milford, Nebraska, Linda Fellows of Springfield, Illinois and Thomas Fellows of Woodbury, Minnesota and Pam and Ray Taylor of Burwell, Nebraska. Six grandchildren, Josh Wiley, Gideon Taylor, Tracy Taylor, Emilee Taylor, Sidney Fellows and Ashley Fellows and four great-grandchildren, Hagen, Coy, Quade and Willow Taylor.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, wife and an infant daughter, Doreen.