



Marion Neil Woods, 77, of Burwell, Nebraska died September 8, 2015 at the Valley County Health System in Ord, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at the Burwell Baptist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be at the Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Jeffrey Wohlfert and Rev. Harry Landaw will officiate. Visitation will be Friday, September 11, from 5 – 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to “4 The Cure,” a cancer foundation.

Marion was born March 22, 1938 at Burwell, Nebraska to Neil and Mary (Herrick) Woods. He attended grade school at District 1 in Garfield County and then graduated from Burwell High School in 1956. Marion entered the United States Army on February 12, 1958. On March 1, 1964, Marion married Patricia Ballagh in Burwell. They lived in Costa Mesa, California where Marion worked in manufacturing for seven years. They then moved back to Garfield County where they farmed on the Woods home place. Marion delivered fuel for the Co-op until it closed, and then he worked for the Maverick Truckstop. Marion retired from farming and moved into town in 2002 and continued to work at the Maverick. He also mowed lawns and had a passion for cutting fire wood.

Marion was very competitive at cribbage, horse shoes, checkers and ping pong. After he was diagnosed with cancer his life was drastically changed. He began to enjoy coffee at Barb’s Diner and the Senior Center, giving him a great place to practice the many jokes he liked to tell. Marion also enjoyed following his grandchildren’s activities. When Marion was still farming, he was known for picking sweet corn and delivering it to the doorsteps of friends and family.

Marion is survived by his wife Patricia Woods of Burwell; three children: Kathryn and Zane Dexter of Central City, Nebraska, Stacy and Paul Ottun of Sargent, Nebraska and Fred and Rhoda Woods of Burwell, Nebraska; nine grandchildren, Jessica Dexter, Dillon Dexter, Warren Dexter, Ryan Dexter, Hope Ottun, Elsie Ottun, Grant Ottun, Isannah Woods and Brigham Woods.

Marion was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Cameron Woods, Don Woods and Vern Woods, and two sisters: Crystal Brockman and Elaine Abbott.