

Neal Patrick Madsen, 71, died January 19, 2017 at his home in Burwell, Nebraska.

A memorial graveside service will be held Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell, Nebraska. Pastor Dave Busch will officiate. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Neal was born May 23, 1945 in Atkinson, Nebraska to Martunies and Jedda (Thompson) Madsen.

Neal graduated from Chambers High School in 1963. Neal entered the United States Navy on July 22, 1964 and was honorably discharged on July 11, 1968. He later met and married Bonnie Braun in Amarillo, Texas on December 26, 1972. Neal and Bonnie traveled around to various areas in a camper and pickup, while Neal worked construction. In 1995 they moved to Burwell.

Neal enjoyed traveling, welding, camping and boating.

Neal is survived by his wife Bonnie Madsen of Burwell, Nebraska. Four children, Kay McKay of Neligh, Nebraska, Michelle and Jason Barnett of Sargent, Nebraska, Tammy Melling of Burwell, Nebraska and Casey Madsen of Burwell, Nebraska. Four grandchildren, Colin Christiansen, Shayla Christiansen, Tanika Beacham and Andrew Schissler and a great-grandchild, Leah Christiansen. A son-in-law, Rd McKay of Ord, Nebraska. A sister, Willamae Collier of O'Neill, Nebraska and a brother-in-law, Gary Braun of Ewing, Nebraska.

Neal was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter, Aimee Melling and a son-in-law, Chris Melling and a brother-in-law, Gerald Collier.