

Richard Lee Burnham, 87, of Burwell, Nebraska died October 24, 2015 at the Valley County Health Systems Hospital in Ord, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Shawn Kitzing will officiate. Visitation will be Monday from 5 – 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Burwell Veterans Park or the Burwell Community Fund.

Richard was born June 11, 1928 in Westerville, Nebraska to Frank and Ruby (Hollenbach) Burnham. He graduated from Burwell High School in 1945. On January 8, 1951 Richard entered the United States Army. Richard married Marilyn Bolli on April 29, 1951. Richard was honorably discharged on October 7, 1952.

Rich owned and operated Burnham Transfer. He also had the Nixon Feed Store with Vance Jeffres and the John Deere Dealership with his dad Frank. He continued trucking with Burnham Transfer until 1965 and then he started farming. He started custom feeding cattle in 1985 and in 1992 Rich started M & R Cattle Company with his son, Mike.

Rich was a member of the American Legion, the Elks Club, Nebraska Stockgrowers and the Nebraska Cattlemen. His hobby was work, especially; wind rowing hay.

Richard is survived by his wife Marilyn Burnham of Burwell, Nebraska. Three children, Cindy Kenton of North Platte, Nebraska, Rob and Pat Burnham of Burwell, Nebraska and Mike Burnham of Burwell, Nebraska. Eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren and a sister, Marge Jeffres of Burwell, Nebraska.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, a great-granddaughter, Brooke Burnham and a brother-in-law, Vance Jeffres.