

Robert Allan Essig, 76, of Burwell, Nebraska died March 4, 2013 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 11, 2013 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Burwell, Nebraska. Pastor Alan Petersen will officiate. There will be no visitation. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to Kamp Kaleo or the Burwell Community Fund.

Bob was born September 14, 1936 in Oregon City, Oregon of William and Margaret (McKay) Essig. He graduated from Oregon City High School before going on to Oregon State University. Bob entered the United States Air Force on July 15, 1958 and was honorably discharged on August 30, 1963. Bob then went to Veterinarian School in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Bob married Bette Jeanne "BJ" Treichler on June 25, 1968 in Ft. Collins, Colorado. They spent three years in California before moving to Burwell in 1971. Bob served the Burwell community as a veterinarian for 29 years before retiring in 2000.

Things that were important to Bob were Veterinary Medicine, church and his community. Those of you that knew him knew what he did. Those that didn't missed knowing a great man.

Bob enjoyed golf, traveling to see family and being active in the Nebraska Veterinarian Medical Association.

Bob is survived by his wife BJ Essig of Burwell, Nebraska. Two children; Dawn and Matt Sweesy and their children Mary and Ryne of Las Vegas, Nevada and Leon and Gianina Essig and their son Christopher of Galesburg, Illinois. A brother, Bill Essig of Blye, Oregon and a sister, Judi and Bob Ancker of Meridian, Idaho.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents.