



Stanley Kovarik, Jr., 85, of Burwell, Nebraska died May 7, 2015 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday May 15, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Burwell. Inurnment will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. A memorial visitation will be Thursday from 4 – 6 p.m. at the church with a Rosary at 6:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Fire Department or the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Hitchcock Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Stan was born September 12, 1929 in Valley County, Nebraska to Stanley and Bessie (Hulinsky) Kovarik, Sr. Stan grew up in Valley and Garfield Counties and went to rural school in Valley County. He graduated from Ord High School in 1948. Stan attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for one year.

Stan worked for different ranchers and started growing his herd of cows and milk cows.

Stan married Elizabeth Ann “Betty” Wewel on June 21, 1954 in Burwell. They always lived in the Burwell area. Stan went to different sale barns and was an order buyer for cattle and hogs.

Stan was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing cards, polka music, visiting people in the nursing home and gardening.

Stan is survived by his wife Betty Kovarik of Burwell, Nebraska. Five children, John Kovarik and Gloria Sears of Burwell, Nebraska, Janet and Dave Erickson of Golden, Colorado, Julie and Ken Thorpe of Rolla, Missouri, Joanne and Steve Bailey of Lincoln, Nebraska and Jerry and Angie Kovarik of Alma, Nebraska. Five grandchildren, Nate Ulrich, Matt Ulrich, Eric Kovarik, Jennifer Erickson and Emilee Bailey. Two brothers, Frank and Ora Jean Kovarik of Loup City, Nebraska and Bob Kovarik of Anaheim, California. Two sisters, Marilyn and Al Dempsey of Parker, Colorado and Evelyn Kovarik of Denver, Colorado.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and his wife, Eldon and Melrae Kovarik and a sister, Betty Parkos.