

Philip Mann, 79, of Burwell, NE, died Friday, October 6, 2023, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, NE with his family by his side.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at Calamus Trinity Methodist Church in Burwell. Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Visitation will be Tuesday, October 10, 2023 from 5 - 7 pm at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Burwell Fire and Rescue, 4 the Cure and Nebraska's Big Rodeo. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Philip Allen Mann was born June 6, 1944 in Ord, NE to Glen and Stella (Harpham) Mann. He graduated from Burwell High School in 1962 and then earned his teaching degree from Kearney State College in 1967.

Philip married Katherine Krause in Burwell, NE on June 25, 1967. After marrying, Phil and Kathy lived in Orchard, NE where Philip taught History and Drivers Ed. He also drove the bus route and coached several sports at Orchard High School. While in Orchard, their two sons, Garrett and Derek were born. They raised their boys in Orchard for 13 years. In 1980, God granted them the opportunity to purchase the Reed place on the scenic Calamus River northwest of Burwell. Their family was completed by the birth of their daughter, Risa. They started out raising hogs and gradually changed over to ranching. Phil was a hard worker that delighted in caring for his cattle, the beautiful Sandhills land that supported them and watching his crops grow. He enjoyed a good laugh, was quick with a smile and could visit with anyone. He regularly attended Nebraska's Big Rodeo and spent time watching rodeos on the Cowboy Channel year round. Phil and Kathy were very blessed to have all of their children and grandchildren live in the same community with them. Phil's greatest pleasure was being surrounded by his family and he took great pride in his grandchildren and their activities.

Phil was a lifelong member of the Calamus Trinity Methodist Church. Phil and Kathy started each day with Bible study together praying for their family and community members.

Philip is survived by his wife of 56 years, Kathy; three children; Garrett and Linda Mann, Derek and Holly Mann, and Tyler and Risa Molesworth all of Burwell; eight grandchildren: Blake (Cayden) Owens, Carter, Avery and Laurel Mann; Heidi (Jerrod) Moody, Hallee (Jase) Williams and Hildy Mann and Braxton Molesworth; sister-in law, Sandra Mann of Burwell; brother-in-law, Scott and Barb Krause, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws; brother, Gaylord; and nephew, Grant Mann.