



Clayton Charles "Sparky" Anderson, 100, of Burwell, Nebraska passed away peacefully at Community Memorial Health Care in Burwell on December 4, 2023.

Clayton was born in Burwell, Nebraska on April 22, 1923, to Colin and Marguerite (Olcott) Anderson.

Clayton graduated from Burwell High School. He served in the United States Army from July 8, 1943 to November 19, 1945, during World War II. He was stationed in England and France. While serving he went to welding classes. After being discharged from the Army, he went to Welding School in Baltimore Maryland. After graduating he went to Everett, Washington, and worked for Georgia Pacific as a welder. From there he moved to Colby, Kansas and worked at Mackay Appliance Store, where he began his electrical career.

Clayton returned to Burwell in 1951 where he met Margaret Fancher, a school teacher at Burwell Elementary. They were married on June 4, 1952, in Ainsworth, Nebraska. Together they owned and operated the Gamble Store for 10 years. Clayton went into full-time electrical work after they sold the store. He was a full-time electrician until 2015 and worked part-time in his field for several years after that. He was also a member of the Methodist Church.

Clayton and Margaret adopted their son Mark Colin Anderson in 1965. They made the trip to Pasadena, California, where he was born, to bring him home. They had 8 wonderful and fun years with their son. Mark was suddenly and tragically taken to the Lord, on June 19, 1973, at the young age of 8 years old after being stricken with Leukemia.

Clayton taught electrical classes at Central Nebraska Technical School in Hastings for 3 years. He quit his teaching position to spend more time with his family. He was a member of the Methodist Church and enjoyed going to the coffee shop, visiting, working and doing inventory.

Clayton was preceded in death by his son Mark, his parents, siblings Homer Anderson, Marilyn (Gerald) Chaffin and Carolie (Jim) Larson, nephew Mike Gallagher, and great niece Dawn Schwieger.

Survivors are his wife, Margaret Anderson of Burwell and nieces Pat (Ron) Schwieger and Terry (Steve) Donnell and nephews Scott and Brian Chaffin. Great-nieces Keli (Jason) Cole, Tracy (Lance) Schofield, Shannon (Casey) Hodges, Travis (Rae) Schwieger and Leni (Dave) Sauer. Great-great nieces Ana Cole, Maile Schwieger, Ela, Amelia and Lucy Hodges. Great-great nephews Forest Schofield and David Schwieger.

Clayton's wishes were to be cremated and services will be held at a later date. He will be buried at Cottonwood Cemetery at Burwell, alongside his son Mark. Memorials are suggested to Calamus Trinity Methodist Church. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is assisting the family.