



Owen William Long, 82, of Burwell, Nebraska passed away February 22, 2015 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Nebraska.

Owen's wishes were to be cremated. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the Untied Methodist Church in Burwell. A private inurnment will be in the Bartlett Cemetery at a later date. Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Memorials are suggested to the Taylor VFW and the Bartlett Volunteer Fire Department. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell, Nebraska is in charge of arrangements.

Owen was born January 15, 1933 at the homestead near Green Valley in Holt County, Nebraska, the second child of Elmer and Zana (Bradshaw) Long. Owen attended school at Green Valley until the family moved five miles south of Bartlett, Nebraska in 1941, where they ranched. In 1951 Owen graduated from Bartlett High School. On May 13, 1953 Owen entered the United States Army, where he learned how to cook at Fort Riley, Kansas under Jimmy Fields, Marianne's uncle. Owen was deployed to Korea as a cook on the front lines. He was honorably discharged on May 13, 1955.

Owen married Marianne Kizer on July 3, 1960 in Ericson, Nebraska. They made their first home on the ranch. To this union two daughters were born, Peg on June 6, 1961 and Bonnie on June 2, 1962. In 1967, the family moved one mile south of Bartlett. Then on August 9, 1968 Judy was born to complete the family. Owen continued to ranch and also drove truck for himself until 1977. In 1978 Owen started working for Coash, hauling fertilizer until 1989.

While at Bartlett Owen belonged to the American Legion, the United Methodist Church and the Bartlett Fire Department and where he was an EMT.

In 1989 Owen and Marianne moved to Purdum, Nebraska to work on the Cox ranch. In 1994 they moved to Taylor, Nebraska, where they did public transportation for the nursing home in Burwell. Owen joined the VFW and stayed active as an EMT.

In 2003, Owen and Marianne moved to Burwell and continued to work for the nursing home, later retiring.

Owen enjoyed going to coffee and playing cards. A highlight of Owen's life was his trip to Washington, DC on the Korean War Honor Flight.

Owen is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marianne of the family home. Three daughters, Peg and Harold Unwin of Kim, Colorado, Bonnie and Henry Meza of Gibbon, Nebraska and Judy Gillaspie of Rapid City, South Dakota. Five grandchildren, three step grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, four step great-grandchildren and one sister, Geraldine and Wayne Olson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Owen was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Leo Long and a brother-in-law, Darrel Stone.