

Gaylord Charles Mann, 69, of Burwell, Nebraska, died January 27, 2016, at his home.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 30, 2016, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Burwell with burial following in Kent Cemetery. Pastor David Dobbertien will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 -7 p.m. Friday at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to the Kent Cemetery Fund or Loup County Fire and Ambulance.

Gaylord was born March 9, 1946, in Burwell, Nebraska, to Glen and Stella (Harpham) Mann. He graduated from Burwell High School in 1964 and then earned his teaching degree from Kearney State College.

Gaylord married Sandra Helmer in Arthur, Nebraska, on June 8, 1968. To this union were born three children. Gaylord and Sandra taught school in Hyannis, Nebraska, for six years before they moved to Ogallala, Nebraska, where he was a building contractor. Much of his handiwork can still be seen in the Arthur area in friends' homes. In 1989 the family moved to Burwell to be part of the family ranching operation. His final building project is on the family ranch where with very little outside help, he built a beautiful home for him and Sandra.

Gaylord was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ogallala where they lived for 14 years. While there, he was a member of the Keystone Roping Club as well as serving on the Keith County Round-Up Rodeo committee. Much of his time was spent at the 4-H horse club, on the trap shooting range, Nebraska high school rodeos, and hunting escapades in the Sandhills. The common denominator of all Gaylord's pursuits were his children and grandchildren. His family was his pride and joy.

After moving to Burwell, Gaylord was active in St. John's Lutheran Church and was the president of the Kent Cemetery Board. He enjoyed his cattle, horses, old friends, and especially his grandkids.

Gaylord is survived by his wife Sandra Mann of Burwell, Nebraska; three children; Stacey and Todd Adamson of Cody, Nebraska; Mitchell and Kimberly Mann of Mesquite, Texas; and Grant and Stacy Mann of Alliance, Nebraska, eleven grandchildren and a brother, Philip and Kathy Mann of Burwell, Nebraska, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Gaylord was preceded in death by his parents.