



Lee "Butch" Robert Stout of Burwell, Nebraska passed away on February 8, 2023 in Burwell, Nebraska at the age of 73.

A visitation will be held on Friday, February 10, 2023 from 5 pm to 7 pm at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell and funeral services will be on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 10:00 am at the Burwell Baptist Church. Burial will be in the Rose Cemetery. Pastors Alan Petersen and Joel Wentworth will officiate. Memorials are suggested to Kamp Kaleo or the Rose Church.

Butch was born during the great blizzard of '49 on February 26, in Bassett, Nebraska to parents, Lavern and Helen (Nachtman) Stout. He grew up in his beloved Sandhills, surrounded by cattle, horses, his siblings and rolling hills. Butch attended grade school in rural Rock County and graduated from Burwell High School in 1967.

Butch married Jeanne' (Rush) Stout on July 5, 1969 in Taylor, Nebraska and they moved to the Stout Ranch to begin their fifty-three years of marriage. Butch raised cattle and horses and worked for area ranchers until moving into their town house full-time in 1984. He worked at Kamp Kaleo outside of Burwell for several years and took great pride in that facility and the friendships made while there.

Butch's greatest joy was his family and raising good ranch and rodeo horses. He bred and owned several outstanding horses, and always made sure that his kids and grandkids were well mounted. He was a lifetime member of the American Quarter Horse Association and was proud to have a corral full of colorful horses at the time of his passing.

Butch enjoyed rodeo and was a director on the Nebraska's Big Rodeo Board & Garfield County Fair Association for over thirty years. He worked the rodeo arena track fence every year since his retirement from the board. Butch also worked at the Burwell Livestock Market for fifty-one years and was horseback there until the end. He had many great friends and memories of his time at the salebarn.

Butch is survived by his wife Jeanne'; children Laura (Troy) Packard, Ronda Weber and Jon Clark, Scott (Morgan) Stout, Jeff (Precilla) Stout; thirteen grandchildren, Sydney (Patrick) Heerten, Shane (Abbigail) Weber, Ali (Clayton) Suckstorf, Celie Packard, Reid Stout, Gracie Stout, Grady Weber, Cooper Stout, Hudson Stout, Preslee Stout, Remington Stout, Oakley Stout, Booker Stout, and one great granddaughter, Irelyn Heerten; siblings Jim Stout of Bassett, Rick (Betty) Stout of Burwell, Kate (Ron) Dearmont of Bassett, Tobe (Bert) Stout of Burwell and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law John and Betty Rush, sister-in-law Nancy Rush and a younger brother, Tommy Stout.