Burwell, Kenneth J. Hoback, 71, passed away August 2, 2016 at his home in Burwell. A celebration of life will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 15, 2016 at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Burwell, Nebraska.

He was born September 4, 1944 to Newell K. and Rosa (Meyer) Hoback at Palmer, Nebraska. He graduated from Grand Island Senior High School. Served in the Army and was stationed in Alaska for most of his service time. He then received degrees from Central Community College and Bellevue College in drafting. He worked for Wheeler Construction designing many commercial properties and residential homes in the Grand Island area. He retired from the City of Grand Island when he married Lareda Cronk-Penas on May 24, 1998. They moved to Burwell, Nebraska where Ken designed their dream dome home. They enjoyed having the Autumn Leaf Bed and Breakfast. He spent many hours volunteering for the Loup River Scenic Byway and was instrumental in organizing the startup of the Nebraska Junk Jaunt with wife, Lareda.

He will be forever remembered by his mother Rosa Hoback, Grand Island, Sisters: Newlene Laib, Monument, CO, Eulalia (Robert) Dory, Colorado Springs, CO, Caralee (Jim) Gruntorad, Eldridge, IA, Angelia (Kyle) Heck, Marysville, WA, and Cassondra (Ross) Lyon, Giltner, NE. Brother Newell J. (Barbara) Hoback, Mayer, MN. Stepson Harold (Peggy) Penas, Colorado Springs, Stepdaughter Carol (Kirk) Miller and Step Granddaughter Sarah Miller, San Jose, CA and many nieces, nephews.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife Lareda, father Newell K. and sister Roxanne.