



Lanny Robert Ballagh, 78, of Burwell, Nebraska died June 8, 2017 at his home.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 12, 2017 at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Alan Petersen will officiate. Visitation will be Sunday from 5 – 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Burwell Fire Department.

Lanny was born September 6, 1938 in Burwell, Nebraska to R. Glen and Helen (Rowse) Ballagh. He attended country school in Rural Holt County and he graduated from Burwell High School in 1956. He worked on a ranch for a year.

Lanny enlisted in the Army National Guard and served until 1959 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and then at Fort Ord, California. Upon returning to Burwell he returned to working at ranch jobs.

Lanny married Charlene Blake in 1960. To this union two children were born. They were later divorced. He continued to work at ranching and doing cross-country trucking. Then in the 1970's he started farming. Along with farming he also started a custom hay grinding business.

On September 25, 1974 Lanny and Ardith Hambleton Guy were married at Sargent, Nebraska. Lanny adopted her daughter, Patty. The family made their home on the farm west of Burwell.

For several years after the Calamus Lake was built Lanny opened and operated Loup Marine and Repair in Burwell where he worked on boats and small engines. He attended school at Johnson outboard motors in Chicago.

Lanny enjoyed playing cards with his friends, hunting, fishing and camping trips and most of all his visits from his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lanny is survived by his wife Ardith Ballagh of Burwell, Nebraska. Three children, Tam Ballagh of Evansville, Wyoming, Patty and Steve Jeffres of Burwell, Nebraska and Brian Ballagh of Falls City, Nebraska. Nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Three sisters, Audine Woods of Kearney, Nebraska, Patricia Woods of Burwell, Nebraska and Barb and John Harris of LaBarg, Wyoming and a sister-in-law, Michele Ballagh of Burwell, Nebraska.

Lanny was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, C. Duane Ballagh and Kerry Ballagh.