



Royce Donald Cone, 78, of Burwell, Nebraska passed on due to complications from dementia on August 30, 2018 at the Valley County Health Systems Hospital in Ord, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at the United Methodist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in the Almeria Cemetery near Almeria, Nebraska. Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Visitation will be Monday from 5 – 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell, Nebraska. Memorials are suggested to the Burwell Veteran’s Park or the Community Memorial Health Center.

Royce was born in Valley County, Nebraska to Donald and Colleen (Simon) Cone on June 23, 1940. The family moved to his grandparent’s farm and ranch east of Brewster, Nebraska in 1944, where he spent the remainder of his formative years. In 1958, he graduated from Brewster High School in a class of three.

In 1962, Royce made the decision to serve his country, enlisting in the Army. Although a crack shot, he was immediately put at a desk in the General’s office. He was told, “We can get snipers any time we want. Someone who can type fifty words per minute with less than three mistakes per page, now THAT’S a rare skill.” In 1965, he headed back home to work with his father on the family farm.

After a whirlwind courtship, Royce married Linda Charron June 7, 1970. They moved northeast of Ord in 1973. There they farmed, ranched and raised three children in their 20 years of marriage.

Royce loved being a cattleman and was proud of his Sandhills roots. He enjoyed playing pitch, roller skating at Almeria Hall, and putting together jigsaw puzzles. He always had time to help a neighbor. He found contentment in a productive day’s work, farming for himself or others until dementia took away his ability to do so.

Royce is survived by three children, Rick and Teresa Cone of Hickory, North Carolina, Ross Cone of Grand Island, Nebraska and Kylie Cone of Hickory, North Carolina and a grandson, Chance Cone of Bremerton, Washington. One sister, Ellen and Leo Garniss of Ansley, Nebraska. Five brothers, Gene and Carolyn Cone of Burwell, Nebraska, Bruce and Sherril Cone of Burwell, Nebraska, Robert and Lexie Cone of Ogallala, Nebraska, Phillip and Liz Cone of Buffalo, Wyoming and Terry and Patricia Cone of Burwell, Nebraska.

Royce was preceded in death by his parents Don and Colleen.