

Lloyd Ray Lamb passed away on September 16 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell, from pneumonia and complications of pulmonary fibrosis. He was born in Beatrice, Nebraska, on June 25, 1924, and lived on the family farm in Washington County, Kansas until 1928, when his parents bought another farm near Diller, Nebraska. He graduated from Diller High School in 1941, where he was a member of the school's track and field team which was undefeated until it placed second in the state meet. Lloyd entered Fairbury Junior College but was drafted into the Army in October 1943. He joined an invasion fleet and made an amphibious landing in the Southern Philippine Islands where he first saw combat. When World War II ended, Lloyd returned to Fairbury Junior College through the GI Bill; he graduated with honors and also lettered in track as a mid-distance runner. In 1949, he received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Nebraska. Immediately after graduation, he began teaching at Hollenberg (KS) Rural High School, where he also coached all sports until May 1958. He then applied to the American Dependents Schools program and was chosen to teach at the Senior High School in Naha, Okinawa, where he created the school's first track and field team. There he met Rosalyn Collins, who was teaching at an airbase military school, and they were married in Okinawa in June 1961. Upon returning to the US, Lloyd received his master's degree from the University of Nebraska and became principal at the high school in Oxford, where daughter Melissa was born. He then became high school principal at Mead, where son Paul was born. Subsequently he held administrative positions at Bassett and Burwell elementary schools for the remainder of his career. After his retirement in 1986, Lloyd spent a great deal of time managing the family farm and also working in his yard and garden, until his illness in 2011. He was known in Burwell for his beautiful flower beds. Lloyd was a member of the Lions Club International and was also a life member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Anna Lamb, and is survived by wife Rosalyn Lamb; son Paul Lamb; daughter Melissa Lamb-Peale, son-in-law Steve Peale, and granddaughters Kaitlyn and Hannah Peale, of Columbus, Ohio; and sister Esther Opfer of Wichita, Kansas.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 20, 2013 at the United Methodist Church in Burwell, where Lloyd was a member for 37 years. He was buried with military honors at the Cottonwood Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Burwell Lions Club or the Burwell Elementary Library Fund.