



John Quinn, 63, of rural Burwell, Nebraska passed unexpectedly on November 29, 2021 after a fatal automobile accident. His loss was completely unexpected and the family is shocked and deeply saddened.

Born on Tuesday June 24th 1958, to loving parents Gerald aka Jerry and Frances (Pattillo) Quinn and Grandfather John J. Quinn and Great Grandfather John Quinn. John Howard was the 8 lb third son who filled the lives of those around him with joy except his curly hair always gave his mom fits. Frances said many times that she was so thankful he hadn't been born a girl! He graduated high school in 1976 and went out west to work on a ranch in Boulder Colorado for a time. After a few years he returned back to the family ranch north of Burwell where he stayed the remainder of his life.

John was passionate about ranching, planting seeds, haying, and living in a rural setting where he could be his own boss. His experience came from the many years of 4-H and participation in high school FFA. He enjoyed horses and was detailed in keeping records on the cow-calf pairs that he hired out to area producers in the spring. No matter the weather conditions or time of day John was tending to the cattle who stayed with him on the home ranch. He enjoyed working on every tractor from the big ones down to lawn mowing ones along with equipment he dreamed could make his work easier!

Even though schoolwork did not come easy to a young John, he found his calling when he signed up to become an EMT with the Burwell Fire Department. It was an area he excelled scholastically in and would learn more by participating in trainings. He was sentimental enough to be caring while letting the knowledge keep his emotions in check when neighbors or friends were the ones being treated.

John was a loving uncle to Dawn and Jeri (Quinn); Stacia and Jerad (Quinn); Dustin, John (Quinn), and Johanna (Wagner); and Kirbie and Jessie (Holcomb). His loss will be sorely missed by the many, many animals he raised as pets over the years.

John is predeceased by his parents, grandparents, and brother-in-law Tim Holcomb. Surviving family includes older brothers Gary Quinn and Karla Timmerman of Burwell NE; David and Suesan Rush-Quinn of San Tan Valley AZ; younger sister Dianne Holcomb of Minden NE and his nine great nieces and nephews. John's wishes were to be cremated and the family will plan for a service to be held later. Memorials are suggested to the Burwell Fire Department that he was a member of until he retired from in part due to a back injury. Hitchcock Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Family and friends will have a Celebration Of Life with a lunch for John Quinn starting at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at the Burwell Fairgrounds.