



Dr. Richard Lee "Doc" Pedersen D.D.S., 75, of Burwell, Nebraska died November 18, 2016 at the Valley County Health Systems Hospital in Ord, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at the Burwell Baptist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Rev. Harry Landaw and Rev. Stan Gurney will officiate. Visitation will be Tuesday from 5 – 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to the Burwell Community Fund or Nebraska's Big Rodeo.

Doc was born August 17, 1941 in Hardy, Nebraska to Joseph and Julia (Hansen) Pedersen. He graduated from Hardy High School in 1959. He then attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln going on to the Dental College graduating in 1966. During this time, he met and married Mary Loseke on April 18, 1965 in Schuyler, Nebraska. After graduation they moved to Burwell where Doc started his dental practice. He retired in 2010.

Doc was on the Rodeo Board and School Board. He was the mayor for 12 years and on the city council for six years and was an active board member for the city energy businesses. He enjoyed going to coffee, visiting, hunting, horses, his dog Freckles and especially his grandchildren. Doc grew up on a farm and still had a great passion for farming and ranching with his friends.

Doc is survived by his wife Mary Pedersen of Burwell, Nebraska. Two daughters, Pam and Mark Bales, Penny and Terry Brown and four grandchildren, Jonah and Koby Bales and Nathan and Katherine Brown all of Grand Island, Nebraska. Five sisters, Julie Persinger of Sun City, Arizona, Florence and Ken Churchhill of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jane and Jerry Stratman of Geneva, Nebraska, Cinda Jensen of Ord, Nebraska and Beth and Don Mioni of Marietta, Gerogia.

Doc was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Greg Jensen.