

James Clair "Jim" Taylor, 91, of Amelia, Nebraska died January 6, 2016 at Avera St. Anthony's Hospital in O'Neill, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the United Methodist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Dennis Davenport and Pastor Stan Gurney will officiate. Visitation will be from 4 – 7 p.m. Friday at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Chambers Rescue Squad.

Jim was born December 30, 1924 in Hyannis, Nebraska to Fred and Myrtle (Vaughn) Taylor. They lived in Cherry County until the early 1930's when Jim moved with his family to the Amelia area. Then in 1937 they moved to the home place where he spent the rest of his life.

On January 17, 1948 Jim married Esther Freeman in O'Neill, Nebraska and they were married 68 years.

Jim enjoyed raising cattle and coyote hunting. He raised Hereford's later changing to Charolais and Angus. Jim and Esther worked hard first and then played hard. Jim liked to entertain at his home and would grow sweet corn especially for gatherings with a cream can feed. He was always tinkering with iron trying to come up with better ways to make things work on the ranch.

Jim is survived by his wife Esther Taylor of Amelia, Nebraska. Two sons, Clifford and Veronica Taylor of Amelia, Nebraska and Bobby and Cheryl Taylor of Burwell, Nebraska. Five grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and three great great-grandchildren and a sister Grace and Don Ackles of Burwell, Nebraska.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Debra Taylor, two brothers, Floyd Taylor and Bill Taylor and three sisters, Alice as an infant and Lottie Graves and Loretta Mitchell.