



Richard Earl Lewis was born Sept 14, 1935 at his parent's home on the ranch north of Taylor, and departed this life April 8 at Quality Senior Village in Broken Bow, Nebraska at the age of 79.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 13, 2015 at the Burwell Baptist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in the Kent Cemetery near Burwell. Pastor Richard Schoonover and Pastor James Loutzenhiser, Jr. will officiate. Visitation will be Sunday from 5 -7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell.

The only son of Albert and Eleanor (Mansfield) Lewis, Richard was born at his parent's home north of Taylor where he resided all his life. Starting first grade at 4 years of age, he attended Lone Star District 28 thru the eighth grade. He graduated salutatorian of his class in 1952 from Taylor High School. Upon graduation from high school, he began ranching with his parents on the ranch north of Taylor. On November 5, 1956, he married his high school sweetheart, Jeanette Smith.

Richard accepted Christ as his Savior in 1941, at the Assembly of God church where he attended all his life. He served the church in several capacities as Sunday School teacher, board member, and youth leader.

Richard was not a man who wanted public recognition or attention, but he was known for his great love for God, his family, Hereford cows, sorrel horses and football. He served the local high school football team by running the clock for 34 years until his health forced him to give it up.

Community service included rural school board, and 4-H leader, and served the Loup County Ag Society board for 33 years. He was a member of Gideon's International. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren in their activities, as well as sharing American agriculture with his "foreign grandkids" from 14 different countries.

Richard was an avid horseman, and in younger years, broke horses for the neighbors. If you ever put up with hay with Richard, you know you never left a streak and raked all the scatterings. He took pride in all his Agricultural endeavors. Nothing made him more proud than those newborn whiteface baby calves.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Jeanette. Daughter Kathy and husband Kerry Fowler of Arcadia. Son, Kent and wife Linda Lewis of Taylor. Grandchildren Jackie and Abigail Lewis of Burwell, Don Risley of North Glenn, CO, Niki Bunker of Castle Rock, CO. 5 great grandchildren. 4 Sisters—Betty (Elmer)Keller of Taylor, Shirley (Bob) Birch of Redding, CA, Cleo (Jerry) Keith of Taylor, and Claris Lewis of Kearney, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials to Gideon International or Quality Senior Village (outdoor benches)