

Lynn Edwin Strong, 78, of Taylor, Nebraska died September 9, 2016 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 16, 2016 at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Taylor, Nebraska. Burial will be in the Almeria Cemetery near Almeria, Nebraska. Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 – 7 p.m. Thursday at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to 4 The Cure or the Calvary United Methodist Church.

Lynn Edwin Strong was born September 29, 1937 in Almeria, Nebraska. He was the third of five children born to Bill and Hilma Strong.

His childhood was filled with many adventures including: roping fence posts, building forts and swimming in North Loup River. Life was never boring around Almeria for the Strong kids.

Lynn was a proud graduate of Loup County High School class of 1954. After high school he attended college in both Lincoln and Kearney. In 1960 he met his sweetheart and best friend, Barbara Brass. They were married on January 12, 1961. They had 55 years together, showing everyone around them what the meaning of love is about.

In 1961 he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served on active duty until 1963. He then moved back to Loup County. He was always known for his sense of humor and friendly personality. He never knew a stranger and he had a love for all kids.

He is the proud father to Geri Lynn and Pamela Sue. Beyond that, Lynn was beloved by many of his “girls” including classmates and friends of his daughters, children and grandchildren of his close friends, friends from work and most recently the countless number of caregivers who treated Lynn with loving care and compassion.

He worked hard his entire life, doing everything from farming and construction, to working at the FSA office. He served on the Loup County School Board and was the representative to the Educational Service Unit in Kearney. Most recently he was the Loup County Weed Superintendent. There was always a love for his community so he thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the Taylor Lions Club. He loved having a big pumpkin patch and growing pumpkins to be used at the Annual Pumpkin Carving that started 29 years ago with two couples and now has well over 100 people participating.

He played just as hard as he worked. He loved being on the lake, especially when he could share his love of fishing with friends and family. Lynn was a great host who loved to cook and knew how to throw a great party. He had a never ending love for his family and friends and the Nebraska Sandhills.

Lynn is survived by his wife Barb Strong of Taylor, Nebraska. Two daughters, Geri Strong and her husband Jon Grinaldi of Dallas, Texas and Pam Stapleman of Albion and her fiancé Matthew Sybrant. Four grandchildren, Murphy Rayle and wife Denise, Bailee Rayle, Justin Stapleman and Sara Stapleman and two step-granddaughters, Alex Grinaldi and her husband Alex Kalvaitis and Anna Grinaldi. Two brothers, Howard Strong of Kearney, Nebraska and Hugh and Joyce Strong of Northglenn, Colorado and a sister, Carmen and Tom Moyer of Littleton, Colorado.

Lynn was preceded in death by his parents and in-laws, two sons, an infant and Ben, one brother, Ross Strong, a sister-in-law, Sharon Strong and nephew, Craig Strong.