



Richard C. Brockman, 81, of Burwell, Nebraska died January 17, 2017 at the Valley County Health Systems Hospital in Ord, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 20, 2017 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Jon Franson will officiate. Visitation will be Thursday from 5 – 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to the Burwell Fire & Rescue.

Richard was born June 15, 1935 to Elmer and Bernice (Schultz) Brockman. He was the first baby born in the new hospital. He grew up and attended District 14, K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Richard graduated from Burwell High School in 1953. After graduation he farmed with his father.

Richard married Dorothy Jurgensen on October 7, 1956 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Burwell. To this union two sons were born, Dennis and Duane Brockman. In May of 1958 he entered the United States Army and served until May of 1960. Following his discharge, he returned to the family farm, where farming was his life. He also did various part time jobs at Burwell Livestock Market, Wolf Auction, Inc. and did custom hauling and other odd jobs. He was always willing to lend a helping hand.

He enjoyed family and friends and in his younger days he liked Saturday nights at the Legion Club. He was an avid morning breakfast and coffee drinker at Verda's café. Throughout his life he loved to collect marbles, toy tractors and other various items.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Dorothy Brockman. Sons, Denny and Robin Brockman and Duane Brockman. Grandchildren, Brittany and Shane Gideon and Bridget Brockman. Great-grandchildren, Brayden, Brecken and Brigham Gideon, all of Burwell. A sister, Mary Jane and Gary Larsen of Grand Island, Nebraska and a niece Janet and Terrell Sanders of Burwell.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents.