

Lavern Leroy Stout, 89, of Burwell, Nebraska died September 25, 2014 at the Community Memorial Health Center in Burwell.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 29, 2014 at the Burwell Baptist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in Rose Cemetery near Rose, Nebraska. Pastor Stan Gurney and Pastor Jeffrey Wohlfert will officiate. Visitation will be Sunday from 5 - 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Gracy Fire District.

Lavern was born January 1, 1925 in Minatare, Nebraska to Elbert and Florence (Gerling) Stout. Lavern served in the United States Navy and was stationed in Germany.

Lavern married Helen Marie Nachtman on December 30, 1947 at the Catholic Church in Long Pine, Nebraska. To this union six children were born; Lee, Tom, Jim, Rick, Kate and Terry.

After they were married they lived by the Rose Church until 1949 when they moved to the ranch in southeast Rock County.

Lavern was an avid reader. Mathematics were easy for him and he could make anything run. Lavern loved to work, read, play cards, especially cribbage. He was on the Pleasant Hill school board, a member of the Nebraska Cattleman's Association and helped establish the Gracy Fire District.

Lavern is survived by five children: Lee "Butch" and his wife Jeannè Stout of Burwell, Nebraska; Jim Stout of Bassett, Nebraska; Rick and his wife Betty Stout of Burwell, Nebraska; Kate and her husband Ron Dearmont of Bassett, Nebraska and Terry and his wife Roberta Stout of Burwell, Nebraska. Thirteen grandchildren: Laura, Ronda, Scott, Jeff, Dan, Charley, Casey, Julie, Amber, Bret, Dena, Alyssa, and Tucker and twenty-seven great-grandchildren. A sister, Ardeen Philbrick of O'Neill, Nebraska. Two sister-in-laws, Dorothy Nachtman of Atkinson, Nebraska and Rosie White of Blackfoot, Idaho.

Lavern was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Helen in 2007, an infant son, Thomas Lavern Stout, two great-grandsons, Kaid Stout and Brogan Stout, and a sister Dee Sitz.