



Darrell Robert "Buck" Bolli, 85, of Burwell, Nebraska went peacefully to join his Lord and Savior in heaven on January 14, 2021 at Tiffany Square Health Care Facility in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Darrell was born on May 30, 1935, in Burwell, Nebraska, to Albert Edwin & Clara Ida Amelia Bolli. He attended Burwell Elementary and Burwell Jr. – Sr High School and graduated with the Class of 1953. He played both football and basketball during high school. Immediately following high school, he worked for Gaylord Wallace on his ranch west of Burwell. He then joined the U.S. Army and served from 1956-1958. His tour of duty was in Korea as a medic for 18 months. He returned home to Burwell and joined his father in the family business, Bolli Oil Co., Inc., on the square in Burwell.

Buck met Lorajane Baskin in August of 1958 as she had just moved to Burwell to begin a teaching career in Home Economics at BHS. Their first date was the Saturday afternoon performance of Nebraska's Big Rodeo in 1958. They were united in marriage on July 10, 1960, at the First Presbyterian Church in Stapleton, Nebraska.

Buck became co-owner of Bolli Oil, Co., Inc. in 1963 and owner in 1989. He supported his family and his faith by attending St. John's Lutheran Church from the time he was a young boy and served as President, Vice President and Treasurer for many years. In 1998 he was elected to serve as President of the Church Voters. Starting in 1963, he served his community as a member of the Burwell Fire Department and was awarded his 25- year service pin in 1988. He also served as a City Councilman and as a County Commissioner from 1990-1994. As a long-term resident and businessman, he loved the community of Burwell and he will be most remembered for his quick wit, his storytelling and his laugh. Anyone who knew him had a story about Buck!

Besides his family and his faith, Buck's passion was hunting. He loved to hunt all things with feathers--especially ducks and geese--and used tires. During the fall and winter, most of his spare time was spent somewhere in Garfield or Loup County along the rivers and ponds with his hunting buddies, solving the world's problems and harvesting ducks and geese. His favorite hunting spot was along the Gracie Creek. He also enjoyed annual hunting trips to Canada. Because of his love of hunting, he served as the Treasurer of the local Ducks Unlimited Chapter for 6 years and as a Trustee for many years. When not hunting birds, Buck made frequent trips hunting used tires all over Nebraska. Buck never met a tire pile he didn't like. Wherever he traveled, everyone knew Buck and Lorajane had arrived when they saw his red truck filled with tires.

Buck and Lorajane relocated to Wood River, Nebraska, in 2014 to be closer to family, but his love for the Burwell community remained.

He is survived by his wife, Lorajane of Wood River, Nebraska; his three daughters, Patti Bolli, Burwell, Nebraska; Stephanie Bolli (Omaha, Nebraska), and Rebecca (Dean) Luehr (Wood River, Nebraska); his grandchildren, Madeline (Philip) Smith of Wood River, Nebraska; Samantha (Rees) Lyon of Wood River, Nebraska; Amelia Nelson (fiancée Kaiden Brandenburger) of Brookings, South Dakota; Gabrielle Luehr of Wood River, Nebraska; Victoria Nelson of Richmond, Texas; Gideon Luehr of Wood River, Nebraska; and Joshua Luehr of Wood River, Nebraska; one great-grandson, Titus Kennedy Smith of Wood River, Nebraska; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Clara Bolli; his father- and mother-in-law, Robert "R. P." and Thelma Baskin; his sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Richard Burnham; his nephew, Robert Burnham; and many aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be at the Hitchcock Funeral Home, Burwell, Nebraska, on January 23, 2021, from 10 am – noon. A graveside service will be held at 2 pm at the Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell, Nebraska. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the St. John's Lutheran Church, the Burwell Volunteer Fire Department, Calamus Area Endowment Fund or the Veterans Memorial Park.