

Dennis Irven Bonsall, 68, of Burwell, Nebraska died June 20, 2012 at his home.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 23, 2012 at the United Methodist Church in Burwell. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery. Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 – 8 p.m. Friday at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. Memorials are suggested to Nebraska's Big Rodeo, Methodist Church or Noah's Ark Preschool.

Dennis was born October 20, 1943 in Burwell, Nebraska to Henry and Luella (Williams) Bonsall. He graduated from Burwell High School in 1961.

Dennis married DeeDii Chaffin on October 15, 1964 in Burwell. They lived in the Burwell area and ranched. They moved north of Burwell in March of 1968 and started Bonsall Feedlot in 1981. They were later divorced.

Dennis married Renaye Gross Renner on May 22, 1999 in Burwell. In 2000 Dennis added partners in the feedlot and changed the feedlot to Burwell Feeders.

Dennis joined the PRCA in 1972, winning the steer wrestling at the Burwell rodeo in 1985. He was very proud to be a part of rodeo. Dennis was on the Nebraska's Big Rodeo board for over 35 years, serving as president for six years. He was a PRCA Gold Card member and served on the PRCA Executive Committee. He served on the Garfield County Zoning Board and the District 25 and 100 School Boards. Dennis was an active member of the United Methodist Church.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Renaye Bonsall of Burwell. Three children, Byron Bonsall of San Francisco, California, Lora Bonsall of Lincoln, Nebraska and Brady and Sherri Bonsall of Kearney, Nebraska. Three step-children, Ryan and Rebekah Renner of Ericson, Nebraska, Riley and Angie Renner of Ericson, Nebraska and Rallyn Renner of Elkhorn, Nebraska and ten grandchildren. Three brothers, Bob and Fran Bonsall of DeBerry, Texas, Gaines and Ellen Bonsall of Fremont, Nebraska and Sandie and Muriel Bonsall of Minneola, Kansas. Two brother-in-law's, Randy and Linda Gross of Burwell, Nebraska and Ron Gross of Ericson, Nebraska and a sister-in-law, Rhonda Maxson of Burwell, Nebraska.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents.