



John Russell McFadden, 73, of Taylor, Nebraska died March 7, 2016 at his home.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the United Methodist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in the Taylor Cemetery. Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Visitation will be Friday from 5 – 7 p.m. at Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Taylor Calvary Methodist Church or Harrop Park.

John was born May 26, 1942 in Burwell, Nebraska to Russell and Helen (Kohls) McFadden. His early childhood was spent in the Litchfield and Loup City areas.

John graduated from Taylor High School in 1960. On March 24, 1964 John entered the United States Army for two years and was stationed at Ft. Ord in California.

John married Karolyn Hoobler on September 10, 1966 in Taylor, Nebraska. They farmed and ranched in Loup County.

John was a member of the Taylor Lions Club, Nebraska Cattleman's Association, National Beef Board and Farm Bureau where he was the local president and served on the state board of directors for several years.

John enjoyed fishing with his friends on the air boat. He was also happy telling people about the history of the Sandhills and Loup County.

John is survived by his wife Karolyn McFadden of Taylor, Nebraska. Two daughters, Melissa McFadden of Omaha, Nebraska and Marti and Mike Beard of Ashland, Nebraska. Two grandsons, Russel Beard of Lincoln, Nebraska and William Beard of Ashland, Nebraska. A step-brother, Leroy "Pete" and LaDonna Smith of Burwell, Nebraska and a step sister-in-law, Joan Smith of Burwell, Nebraska and nieces and nephews and many close friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, step mom Helen Locker-McFadden, brother Paul Ray McFadden and a step brother, Don Smith.