

Keith Billy Presley Hopkins, 60, of Lincoln, Nebraska formerly of Burwell died January 17, 2014 at the Monarch House in Lincoln.

Funeral services will be Saturday January 25, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Burwell, Nebraska. Burial will be in Cottonwood Cemetery in Burwell. Pastor Dennis Davenport will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Methodist Church or to the Burwell American Legion. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell is in charge of arrangements.

Keith was born February 12, 1953 in Ord, Nebraska to Carrol and Mary Lois (Shankle) Hopkins. They lived on a farm near Burwell. Keith attended Midvale country school and graduated from Burwell High School in 1971 as Valedictorian of his class. After graduation, Keith attended Southeast Community College in Milford for a short time before returning to Burwell to work on the family farm while his father recovered from injuries. In 1974, Keith enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Kelly AFB in San Antonio, TX. He was honorably discharged in 1977.

In 1974 Keith married Janece Goodrich. To this union a daughter, Sara, was born in 1981. They were later divorced.

Keith returned to Southeast Community College in Milford and earned his Associates degree in Electronics in 1982. He again returned to Burwell where he built a home and raised sheep while working with a local electrician until 1985. During this time, he also served in an Army Reserve unit in Hastings, NE for one year. In 1986, Keith relocated to Lincoln and was employed as an Electronics Calibration Technician for Teledyne Isco. He worked there for nearly 28 years.

Keith enjoyed vintage cars and had a special interest in Volkswagens. He had planned to return to Burwell in retirement and to restore a Chevrolet Corvair. Keith was a farm boy at heart and enjoyed his John Deere tractors. He attended the Camp Creek Threshers Show regularly. He also enjoyed spending time target shooting with his friends, researching family genealogy, and browsing for antiques. He was a private man with a plan for every occasion.

Keith is survived by his daughter Sara and her husband, Ian Black of Omaha, Nebraska. Other family members include his father, Carrol W. Hopkins of Burwell, Nebraska and five brothers and sisters: Ken and Kathie Hopkins of Ft. Collins, Colorado, Patricia and Melvin Moore of Lincoln, Nebraska, Richard and Jolene Hejsek of Seattle, Washington, Darrel and Sarah Hopkins of Lincoln, Nebraska and Diane Hopkins of Bismarck, North Dakota and nieces and nephews.

Keith was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Lois and his step-mother, Dorothy.