

Dwayne Earl Gallaway, 80, of Bassett, Nebraska died March 29, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at the United Methodist Church in Bassett, Nebraska. Burial will be in Bassett Memorial Park Cemetery. Pastor Rod Heilbrun will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 – 7 p.m. Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church, Rock County Senior Center or the American Legion Club. Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell, Nebraska is in charge of arrangements.

Dwayne was born October 20, 1932 in Litchfield, Nebraska to Earl and Rose (Behrens) Gallaway. When he was three years old his parents moved to the sandhills of Rock County. Their first home was a sod house on the Lahey ranch. He attended country grade schools. While in high school he participated in football, basketball and track. He loved baseball and played for several years. He graduated from Rock County High School with the class of 1950.

On January 28, 1953 he was inducted into the United States Army and spent one year in Korea. He was honorably discharged on January 27, 1955.

Dwayne married Beverly Jeanne Quinn on March 19, 1955 at the Methodist Church in Ainsworth, Nebraska. This union was blessed with three sons and a daughter.

They spent the early years of their marriage on a ranch near Bassett. Dwayne was an employee of Louis Buchendorf in Bassett. In 1964 he took the position of Rock County Weed Superintendent until 1976 when he began working as the manager of Cornhusker Archery for thirty years, retiring in 2006.

The most memorable time of his life was enjoying his children and grandchildren. Sports were a special bond between him and his family. They all excelled in sports and kept the family busy going to events.

Dwayne joined the United Methodist Church in Bassett, Nebraska in 1990. Dwayne was on the Rock county Volunteer Fire Department for thirty five years. He served many offices of the American Legion Post 123 of Bassett, Nebraska. He has served as an officer of the United Methodist Church. He has donated his time to deliver meals to the people of Rock County, called Bingo and helped with other fundraisers for the Rock County Senior Center. He also enjoyed playing golf and cards.

Dwayne is survived by his wife of 58 years, Beverly Gallaway of Bassett, Nebraska. Four children and their spouses; Doug and Joni Gallaway Grand Island, Nebraska; Greg and Jan Gallaway of Bloomington, Illinois; Tom and Lezlie Gallaway of Coto De Caza, California and Tammy and Al Hitchcock of Burwell, Nebraska. Nine grandchildren, Keli and Scott Bauer, Sarah and Luke Petersen, Jennifer and Ted Cecava, Scott Gallaway, Kristin Gallaway, Paige Hitchcock, Grant Hitchcock, Hunter Gallaway and Cooper Gallaway and five great-grandchildren; Macey and Reece Petersen, Ava and Anna Bauer and Scarlett Cecava. Two brother-in-laws; Leslie Quinn of Tampa, Florida and Clay Quinn of Santa Maria, California and numerous cousins and friends.

Dwayne was preceded in death by his parents.