



Gaylerd Gene Stevens

April 20, 1942 - December 26, 2017

Gaylerd Gene Stevens, 75, of Hordville, died at his home on Tuesday, December 26, 2017. Funeral services will be on Friday, December 29, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Polk with Rev. Dan Spearow and Chaplin Aaron Phillips officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday, December 28 from 5-7 p.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Polk. In lieu of flowers the family asks the memorials be given to Polk United Methodist Church or Polk Fire and Rescue. Condolences may be sent to family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Gaylerd was born April 20, 1942 in Stromsburg, NE to Arlo and Genelle (Coover) Stevens. He attended school at Polk and graduated from Polk High school in 1959. He was united in marriage to Mary Frederick on June 17, 1972 in Kearney, NE. To this union three children were born; Bill, Bud, and Gene.

Gaylerd joined his father in farming and feeding cattle after graduation. A few buffalo were added and a few more added over the years. He then farmed with his brother and later his two sons joined the operation.

Gaylerd's dedication to agriculture and the cattle and buffalo industry continued after retiring in 2008 due to his health. He enjoyed and encouraged his grandchildren; following their activities, watching them grow and achieve

their dreams. He loved hunting and watching dirt track racing; with a special interest in the #14 car of Kyle Berck's. He also spent many hours leveling and developing land.

Gaylerd was a member of the Polk United Methodist Church and the National Buffalo Association. He was a man of extensive knowledge and had a vivid memory. He also had a never ending strength that helped him meet 32 years of paralysis and setbacks in health but was always available to support family and offer advice about the farming and buffalo business to his two sons. His knowledge, guidance and encouragement will be missed and his love for family will remain a lasting memory.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Mary; his three children, William (Jennifer Wojtalewicz) Stevens, Arlo (Stephanie) Stevens, and Genelle (Darryl Church) Stevens all of Polk; five grandchildren, MacKenzie (Isaac Van Essen), Lane, Kyle, Payton, Landon; his siblings, Karen Stevens of Polk, Gary (Jeanne) Stevens of Omaha, and Gale Stevens of Hordville; two sister and brother-in-laws, Donna and Arlen Bay of Stapleton, and Vera and Bob Giffin of Kearney; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arlo and Genelle Stevens; his in-laws, Donald and Helen Frederick; his sister-in-law, Pattie Stevens; and an infant brother, Kendall.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home
Polk, NE

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church
Polk, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gaylerd Gene Stevens.*



December 29, 2017 at 06:46 AM



“ *Will never forget being there visiting with Gaylerd and Mary, the meals and the first time I ever ate buffalo. The Buffalo hunts were the stuff of family legends for the guys doing the hunts. I know some of the guys will brag about that for the rest of there lives and pictures will stay on their wall till they are gone. The kind of stuff you just never forget. And neither will I. Wish you all well and God Bless Jim & Sherri Ellison*

Jim Ellison - December 28, 2017 at 02:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gaylerd Gene Stevens.*



December 28, 2017 at 10:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gaylerd Gene Stevens.*



December 27, 2017 at 08:36 PM



“ *Bub And Linda Cordsen lit a candle in memory of Gaylerd Gene Stevens*



Bub and Linda Cordsen - December 27, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *I have many happy memories of the Stevens family visiting with my Mom and Dad at their house and they at our house on the farm, we kids had so much fun together.
Rest in peace Gaylerd you fought a long fight and now you are without pain and with your Mom and Dad. God Bless the whole family. Love, Pat Clayton Lincoln*

Pat Clayton Lincoln - December 27, 2017 at 06:06 PM



“ *Sis Karen lit a candle in memory of Gaylerd Gene Stevens*



Sis Karen - December 27, 2017 at 04:45 PM

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“ *Most surprising thing I remember is his long time farming career! I was sure it ended the day I was helping vaccinate a load of calves. Arlo was Jestng Gaylerd for some time about Mary (Future Wife To Be). Gaylerd had had enough when Dad kept pouring it on. Gaylerd took the just empty 100cc bottle and WHACKED IT over Dad's head after Dad sprung up from kneeling and sticking his Finger in Gaylerd's face saying your clothes will be on the road you try that S-- again!!!! We finished the job QUIETLY!!! NOW THE REST OF THE STORY!!! Believe me there are alot of them????? WHO'S Next???*

Gary Clayton - December 27, 2017 at 03:52 PM

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“ *Barbara Ann Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Gaylerd Gene Stevens*



Barbara Ann Hoffman - December 27, 2017 at 03:42 PM