

Obituaries

John E. Nelson

1928-2017

John Edward Nelson, age 89, died Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at the Good Life Center at Callaway, Nebraska.

He was born January 27, 1928, in Holdrege, Nebraska, to Carl Edward and Almida Matilda (Minnie) Bjorklund Nelson. He lived in Phelps County until the family purchased a farm north of Arnold. There is where he gleaned his love of farming, horses, the beauty of nature, the talent of fixing anything with what was available, and the friendship of neighbors and Arnoldites. Many still remember him as "Buddy" or "Bud" which his sisters nicknamed him. The name stuck with him through much of his adult life.

On July 15, 1950, he married Betty Jayne Potter and welcomed her son Roland Kerry. To this union two daughters were born, Sandra and Susan. They divorced many years later.

In January, 1995, he and Marion Fuller were married. Together they enjoyed many years of traveling, music, family and friend get-togethers.

His many lifetime jobs and adventures included: making tools at Hughes Aircraft in California to building planes for the war, traveling with harvest crews, custom baling, driving a feed truck, selling seed corn, Arnold school bus driver and custodian and United States mail carrier.

His many enjoyments included breeding, raising, training and selling Quarter Horses. He received an award from the American Quarter Horse Association for 20 years of respected participation. There were many years of



Rotary involvement and he loved working with wood - especially whittling. He always looked forward to traveling and experiencing different cultures and ethnic foods.

Preceding him in death are his parents; wife Marion Fuller Nelson; former wife Betty Jayne Nelson; sister and their spouses - Helen (Neil) Pickett, Marie (Harold) Dahme, and Bernice (Dwight) Steele; brother-in-law Lloyd Beltz; an infant brother Peter and youngest sister Betty Ann Nelson.

Left to honor and remember him are his sister Jean Beltz; children Ret. Col. R. Kerry (Elizabeth) Potter, Sandra (Kevin) Jespersen and Susan Nelson; stepsons Bill (Gail) Fuller, Bert (Nancy) Fuller and stepdaughter Kathy (Scott) Kral; 13 devoted and loving grandchildren (especially Eric); his beautiful great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 13, at 11:00 a.m. at the Arnold Methodist Church. Burial was at the Arnold Cemetery. Arnold Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to Arnold Cemetery or Arnold School Foundation.