



**Charles E. DeVries**, age 72, of Arapahoe, Nebraska, passed away on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at Cambridge Memorial Hospital, Cambridge, Nebraska. He was born on November 23, 1944 south of Arapahoe, Nebraska to Tobias & Elsie (Hein) DeVries.

He attended school at Arapahoe High School and graduated with the class of 1963. In September of 1962 he married Diane R. Haussler at St. Matthews Lutheran Church of rural Holbrook, Nebraska. They made their residence in Arapahoe where they raised their 6 children. He farmed for many years before going to work at Landmark John Deere Implement at Arapahoe, Nebraska for the past 27 years. He learned to do construction with his brothers and was a master of his craft. Charles enjoyed golfing, hunting, and spending time with his friends in Grumpy's Garage. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Arapahoe.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Diane, Granddaughter Gracie DeVries, Brothers Carl, Jack, Wayne DeVries, Sister: Phyllis Alexander, Brothers-In-Law: Raymond Bockerman, Stan Alexander, Richard Frogge, Harry Wilson and Sister-In-Law: Marilyn DeVries.

Charles is survived his Sons: Kurt & wife Lisa DeVries of Arapahoe, Nebraska, Tim & wife Kathy DeVries of Holbrook, Nebraska, Joel & wife Michelle DeVries of Kearney, Nebraska, & Matt DeVries of Lincoln, Nebraska. Daughters: Suzanne and husband Max Swantek of Grand Island, Nebraska, Shayna & husband Daniel Brabec of Wahoo, Nebraska.

13 Grandchildren: Dustin & Lindsay DeVries, Brady & Laine DeVries, Corey, Alex and wife Esperanza & Erika Swantek, Jordan & Caden DeVries, Tristan Leighton Charles DeVries, Brianna, Logan, & Carter Brabec

Special Friend: Peg Schelling

Brothers: Bud & wife Gwen DeVries of Arapahoe, Nebraska, , Leonard & wife Wyona DeVries of Inland, Nebraska, Glenn & wife Jo DeVries of Trumbull, Nebraska, Harold & wife Kathy DeVries of Lincoln, Nebraska Sisters: Mary Bockerman of Arapahoe, Nebraska, Elsie Mae Frogge of Grand Island, Nebraska, Dorothy Wilson of Inland, Nebraska

Mother-In-Law: Eleanora Haussler of Arapahoe, Nebraska, Sister-In-Law: Audre DeVries of Cambridge, Nebraska

Condolences or personal reflections may be left at [wenburgfuneralhome.com](http://wenburgfuneralhome.com).

There will be no viewing or visitation as cremation was chosen. Celebration of life will be Monday, April 3, 2017 at 11 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church, Arapahoe, Nebraska with Rev James Moshier, officiating. Private family inurnment will be at a later date. Memorials will be designated at a later date. Wenburg Funeral Home of Arapahoe, Nebraska is in charge of the arrangements.