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Terry Lynn Behrends - Jewell, KS.

Terry Lynn Behrends was born June 20, 1945 to Darrell and Bertha (Kibbe) Behrends in Beloit, KS. He died February 7, 2018 at the age of 72 at Salina Regional Medical Center. He had been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer ten days prior to his death.

Terry attended Randall Elementary School and graduated from Randall high School in May of 1963. After high school, Terry attended Kansas Wesleyan pursuing a degree in education. In 1966 Terry enlisted in the National Guard, completing his basic training in Fort Polk, Louisiana. While remaining in the Guard until 1972, Terry continued taking classes toward his degree from Wichita State University and then returned to Kansas Wesleyan to receive his degree for Bachelors of Arts in Education in 1970.

After graduation Terry taught at Burr Oak High School from 1970-1972 teaching science, driver's education, basketball, football, and track. He left education in 1972 to join his family to farm and fulfill his true lifetime passion. Terry farmed and was a cattleman near Randall until his retirement in 2011. Knowing a sedentary life was not for him, Terry went to work as a hired hand on the Jan and Kevin Jones Farm truly enjoying every day of watering cattle, fixing fence, working ground and enjoying and loving atmosphere of his hard working family farm.

Despite not having any children of his own Terry was an amazing father figure to his two nephews Jim and Jason Johnson. He loved to share his knowledge of the farming business, cattle, hunting, and fishing with the boys. He rarely missed a ball game and continued this same loving support on to his great nieces and nephews.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents Darrell and Bertha (Kibbe) Behrends.

Left to mourn his passing are his brothers and sister-in-law Stanley and Phyllis Behrends, sister Vonda Johnson, nephews Jim (Heather) Johnson and Jason (Leah) Johnson Terry leaves six great nieces and nephews-Sydney, Madelyn, Creighton, Avery , Eli and Griffin. All of Terry's family resides in Beloit, Kansas.

Funeral services are planned for 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 12, 2018 at Jewell Community Center. Visitation will be Sunday at the Kleppinger Funeral Home in Jewell from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the family present from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Memorials may be given to USD 273 Educational Foundation Inc.

Interment will be in Randall Cemetery, Randall, KS. Kleppinger Funeral Home, 409 Broadway, Jewell, KS is in charge of arrangements.