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## **Eugene “Buck” W. Rogers** - Jewell

Eugene William “Buck” Rogers was born on September 1, 1947 to William and Mildred Zahn Rogers in Bloomington, MN. He died at his home in Jewell, KS on Thursday, 20 October 2016 at the age of 69.

Buck was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Sara Jean Rogers.

Buck is survived by his wife, Rita (Luck) Rogers; two children, daughter Michelle and husband Chris Winkel from Glen Elder, KS, and son Brandon and wife Carrie Rogers from Carl Junction, MO; seven grandchildren, Sara, Shayna, Kaitlyn, Trevor, Trenton, Tristen, and Abigail; one great grandchild, Liam. His Siblings Include: Marie Sherva, Wanda Stark, Everett Gonzalez, Marlene Rogers Meyer, Delbert Rogers, Joe Micholski, Kathleen Micholski Pigg, DuWayne Micholski.

Buck grew up in Minnesota and graduated from high school in Aberdeen, SD. He joined the Air Force shortly after as an aircraft mechanic and served four years attaining the rank of sergeant while being stationed at McConnell Air Base in Wichita, KS where he met Rita while she was attending Wesley School of Nursing and spent a year in Karat Air Base, Thailand in support of the Vietnam Conflict from 1967-68. They married on March 15, 1969 and moved to Beloit, KS in 1971 and on to Mankato, KS in 1973 and finally landing in Jewell, KS in 1978 where they raised their family. Buck worked multiple jobs with his mechanical ability and tremendous willingness to serve people and eventually owning a Sanitation Collection Service, Chief Disposal, until he retired in 2012.

Buck was a Minnesota White Earth Chippewa Indian by blood, a cowboy at heart and a horseman. He had a deep relationship with his first Appaloosa stallion named Red where they had some crazy adventures assisting neighbors rounding up lost cattle or running in the flag race at local horse shows. He loved the arts and spent time creating detailed metal and leather work while volunteering his time to teach leather work to 4-H kids and anyone that stopped by his shop in Jewell. Always wanting to assist people in need Buck became a Jewell Volunteer Fire fighter, Life Member of Beloit VFW Post 2306, Jewell American Legion Post 72, and Masonic Lodge #11. As a grandfather, Buck enjoyed attending the grand children's events ranging from football games, half time dance routines, and track meets in the spring. He also was willing to strike up a game of cards and enjoyed playing with family and friends.

Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, October 24, at the Jewell Community Center and burial to follow at the Wallace Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 – 7 p.m., Sunday, October 23, at Kleppinger Funeral Home, Jewell, KS.

Memorials may be given to the Jewell Volunteer Fire Department. Kleppinger Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.