



## Delford Kalal

November 30, 1925 - February 19, 2015

Mr. Delford "Del" John Kalal was born November 30, 1925 in Niobrara, NE. His parents, Ben and Laura Kalal, were farmers. The family moved to Iowa in 1936 and it was in Tripoli, IA that Del was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church. In 1942 he graduated from Tripoli High School. He worked as an aviation mechanic at Wright-Patterson Field, OH.

Shortly after age 17, and the beginning of WWII, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. Boot Camp was at USMC Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA. Within a few weeks he was on duty in the South Pacific, participating in battlefield engagements from New Hebrides through Pelilui to Okinawa. Returning stateside aboard an LST, the bomb was dropped and the war ended. He was released from active duty but remained a Marine on inactive status.

Living in Waverly, IA, he enrolled at Wartburg College, a Lutheran Liberal Arts College in the city. The year was 1946. He graduated in 1949 with a B.A. degree. He matriculated to Wartburg Seminary and graduated in 1952. It was now that he was accepted into the life of a USAF chaplain, the profession that was made into a career. He retired from the USAF in 1970. In 1982, Del began the Air Force JROTC program at Socastee High School where he served until 1989.

He was married to Evelyn in 1987. They were a happy and loving couple. Del

was a regular and faithful member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and served on the vestry for a term.

Del had many and varied interests. He read non-fiction for the learning it provided and indulged himself in theology, aviation, and military history. He was a strong advocate of conservative politics. In his younger years he was a pilot on civil aircraft. In earlier years he was a frequent contributor for professional publications. He wrote a monthly "Charging the Battery" article (inspirational and religious) for the Studebaker Drivers Club of SC. He was a member of that group by virtue of his owning a 1963 Studebaker. Del held membership in Post 111, American Legion in Conway. He was a life member of the VFW, the Military Officers Association of America, and other military, theological, and aviation organizations.

Del is survived by his wife, Evelyn; daughters, Cynthia of Traverse City, MI and Barbara and her husband, Robert of Plymouth, MI; step-sons, Charles Hyatt, Arlie Hyatt, and Joseph P. Hollinger; grandchildren, Michael, Scott, Marten, David, Hilary, and Cory; and two estranged family members, Kathryn Vircik of Florida and Dr. Gregory A. Kalal of Alaska.

Funeral services, officiated by Rev. "Tripp" Jeffords, will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 23, 2015 at St. Paul's Church, 710 Main St., Conway, SC. Burial with full military honors will be at 10:00AM Tuesday, February 24, 2015 in Florence National Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, from 4-6 PM on Sunday, February 22, 2015.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial donations to the charity of one's choice.

Please sign the guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Florence National Cemetery

803 E National Cemetery Road  
Florence, SC 29506

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 23. 11:00 AM.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

# Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Marine !!!!  
Semper Fi !!!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps*



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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - February 23, 2015 at 08:18 AM

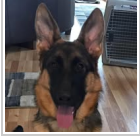
RF

“ *Ralph, Christine Frawley-Rivera & Family  
purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family  
of Delford Kalal.*



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**Ralph, Christine Frawley-Rivera & Family** - February 22, 2015  
at 11:48 AM



“ *The Colonel...He is always the AFJROTC Robichaud High School Commander. The man that eventually inspired me to join the army, become a Captain, get out to civilian life, become a police officer and serve until retirement...always with honor and dignity.*

*Our conversations were always filled with memories and lots of laughter! I will miss them greatly.*

*Evelyn, you gave him the happiest times of his life!!*

*I will always remember him and hold him close to my heart,*

*Dana*

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**Dana Parish** - February 21, 2015 at 04:49 PM

LS

“ *Love Barbie Dahl, Bob, David, Marten and Scott purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Delford Kalal.*



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**Love Barbie Dahl, Bob, David, Marten and Scott** - February 21, 2015 at 01:56 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delford Kalal.*



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February 21, 2015 at 11:59 AM

HC

“ I fondly remember the times at Whiteman AFB,MO when Del was Wing Chaplain and I was the the Chapel choir director. Choir practices were great times. He was a wonderful pastor to his flock at Whiteman, and he christened and younger son and also was his godfather. I loved him dearly  
Hardy L. Cobbm

Hardy L. Cobb - February 21, 2015 at 11:20 AM

KK

“ Kathryn Kalal-Vircik purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Delford Kalal.



Kathryn Kalal-Vircik - February 21, 2015 at 10:54 AM

TF

“ The Stringer family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Delford Kalal.



The Stringer family - February 21, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ *Barb, and Bob, and Ms. Kalal, I am think of you all at this time and I wish for you the comfort of a God who weeps as you weep. Barb, I hope you know that I send my love and care as your friendship from that first fall at Dana has always been one of the most amazing blessings and wonderful gifts I have ever received.*

*With deepest sympathy and much love,*

*Michael Martin*

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**Michael Martin** - February 20, 2015 at 08:14 PM

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*Evelyn, our deepest Sympathy goes our to you and your family. The Lord will help you through this. Our is with you always, Ronnie & Lynda*

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**Lynda** - February 22, 2015 at 12:10 PM

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*Evelyn, our deepest Sympathy goes out toyou and you family. The Lord will help you through this, Our love is with you always, Ronnie & Lynda*

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**Lynda** - February 22, 2015 at 12:15 PM