



Robert Joseph Kowalski

January 26, 1929 - July 12, 2014

Myrtle Beach

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Robert Joseph Kowalski (better known as “Ski” or “Bob”) was born in Wallington, NJ on 1-26-29.

He suffered his first great loss at the early age of 12 as his dad was struck by a bus walking across the street in front of their home. He was raised by his mom along with his brother, Ronnie and his sister Katherine. His parents and his grandparents were from Poland and he did not learn to speak English until he went into the first grade. He enlisted in the US Navy when he was 17 years old and received an Honorable Discharge in 1965. He served 16 years aboard ship and served in the WWII and Korean wars. He was stationed in England where he met Pat, his first wife and they had two sons, Dale and Kevin. In 1980, Pat passed and Bob was a single parent as the boys were only 12 and 14 years old at that time. When he retired from the Navy, he went to work as a Printing Officer for the US Treasury Bureau of Printing and Engraving and then later worked for the Washington Times. In December, 1995 Bob met Minnie McPhillips at a singles dance in Waldorf, MD and in 1998, they relocated to Myrtle Beach where they married. Bob was a recovering alcoholic and was very instrumental and active in doing service work to help those who

were seeking sobriety.

Bob loved the Navy, fishing, gardening, dancing, animals of all kinds and his service work to AA. He had a personal relationship with Jesus and was very open about sharing what God had done in his life and referred to him as “his buddy”!

Minnie’s grandkids always looked forward to Bob’s “handshake” at Christmas because he would slip them a \$5 bill in their hand! Bob never met a stranger and loved to share old stories to anyone who would listen! In closing, to use one of Bob’s favorite phrases “Happy New Year”!

A private service is being held on 15 July.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Lakewood Campground Ministry, 5901 South Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, SC 29575.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Sailor !!!!*



Wayne Williams - USMC - July 19, 2014 at 08:31 PM

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“ *Dear Minnie, How you will miss your precious Bob! How thankful we are for the wonderful promises of God, for the hope of being together forever with the Lord. What a day that will be! We will always cherish the memories we have of you both ~ collecting cans for the ministry, your friendly greetings and invitations to come over. What fun days those were! God certainly blessed us all and will keep on blessing.*

God is thinking about you even now, "God, your thoughts are precious to me, they are so many! If I could count them they would be more than all the grains of sand. When I wake up, I am still with You." Psalm 139:17,18

"The LORD your God is with you; the Mighty One will save you. You will rest in His love; He will sing and be joyful about you." Zephaniah 3:17

May you rest in the knowledge that the Lord is with you and is for you. May you feel His hug today!

You are also on our hearts and in our prayers, Ted and Beth Ragsdale

Beth Ragsdale - July 17, 2014 at 03:18 PM

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“ Dear Family members of Mr. Bob Kowalski. Your loss is felt very deeply. You have my condolences. and I know that God's grace will be sufficient during this time. Even though we do not know one another, I have just read Bob's obituary, and surely, he surely was a very endearing person. May God's comfort rest upon you and give you peace. Sincerely, Cynthia Lingle, Columbia MS.

Cynthia Lingle - July 16, 2014 at 10:05 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God's word the bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

A. Bell - July 15, 2014 at 03:25 PM