



Dr. Delmar "Del" Corricken

January 4, 1933 - April 12, 2012

Obituary:

Del was born on January 4, 1933 in Laporte, MN to the late Marshall and Hazel (Underhill) Corricken. He grew up and attended school in Laporte, MN graduating with the class of 1950. Immediately following graduation Del entered the United States Airforce where he served as a control tower operator during the Korean War. Del was united in marriage to Janice Bly on March 20, 1955 at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker, MN. He and Jan then moved to New Hampshire, where Del attended college at the University of New Hampshire receiving his B.A. and Masters Degrees. He later finished his Doctorate Degree at Washington State University, Pullman. Del worked as a college administrator and professor at Wenatchee Valley College in WA and at Moorhead State University in Minnesota. He retired in 1997. After his retirement MSU honored his work by naming the program that was under his direction the Corricken Center for General Education. In 1997 Del and Jan moved to Little Falls where they have resided until the present day. Del was a very active member of Grace Covenant Church in Little Falls. He also assisted with the development of a Christian Vocational School for Native Alaskans in Soldotna, AK. Del enjoyed running and was very proud of the fact that he had participated in 29 Walker 10K running events. He was planning on making this his 30th year. He truly enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his loving wife, children, and grandchildren. Del also enjoyed creative writing, having several pieces published. He was dearly loved and will be greatly

missed. Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 57 years, Janice Corrick of Little Falls, MN; daughters, Connie Corrick and husband Hugh Hastings of Seattle, WA, Cyndy (Daniel) Werner of Brightwood, OR, Kellie Corrick-Strub and husband Jeff Strub of Rockford, MN, and Christi (Kevin) Leines of Hudson, WI; grandchildren, Madeline Leines, Andrew Leines, Jack Henry Leines, and Daina Strub; brothers, Marshall (Peggy) Corrick of Reeseville, WI and Mike (Rose) Corrick of San Jose, CA; sisters, Kathleen (Duane) Hendrickson of Wenatchee, WA and Donnie (Wally) Ray of Ramona, CA. Del was preceded in death by parents, Marshall and Hazel Corrick; brothers, Lee, Zeke, and Rick Corrick.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls
214 2nd Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Visitation

APR 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Covenant Church
17117 Riverwood Drive
Little Falls, MN 56345

Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Delmar "Del" Corrick*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *It has been hard to know what to say--words are inadequate to express the love I have for a dear, long-time friend and his wife. Del was a giant in my view, with his quiet, gentle character and the way he responded to all he met, especially those who needed help or encouragement. I am so privileged to have know a great person.##imported-begin##Joyce Elliott##imported-end##*

April 19, 2012 at 06:25 PM



“ *We are not able to be there today, Jan. We are so far away. I am shedding tears as I write this. Just want you to know the love and respect we had for Del. You know, I look at the "Dr." before his name wow. A more humble man it would be hard to find. What a life full of caring for others and service. The world has lost a good, good man ... and now he's gone on to his new life. Love you, Jan. Peace to his memory.##imported-begin##Vicki and Dan Eastvold##imported-end##*

April 18, 2012 at 12:30 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Del's passing. I was a student at the "New Center" when Del was the Chairman. I interviewed with Del for admission. It was a great restart to my life. Del made the interview so comfortable. He was a simple and easy man to know. Rarely do we find people with a heart in just the right place. Del's heart was in the right place for the most simple of reasons, to give a hand up.##imported-begin##Verna Lohse- Comstock,MN##imported-end##

April 17, 2012 at 09:07 PM



“ Dear Jan & family~ We were so saddened to learn of Del's passing.~On the first Sunday that we brought Curtis to church at First Baptist back in Sept. 1983, Del was the one who greeted us at the door saying, "Welcome, Curtis!" And now, all these years later, it will be Curtis greeting Del at heavens gate saying, "Welcome, Del!"~~We always admired Del. When Del was the youth sunday school teacher I remember Mike making the comment one Sunday that if Del had been the teacher when he was a youth he would've been a better kid & avoided alot of the trouble he brought to himself & to his parents.~~Know that we are holding you all in our hearts in the days, weeks, & months ahead as you adjust to the loss of such a wonderful man who had an amazing impact on alot of people. Take care of each other & hold onto the promise of eternal life & of someday being reunited with those we love. With love & hugs-Mike & Susan##imported-begin##Mike & Susan Kankelfritz##imported-end##

April 17, 2012 at 03:38 PM



“ I will always be amazed at how Del made everyone he interacted with feel special. Love to all family and friends.##imported-begin##Susan Griffith##imported-end##

April 17, 2012 at 02:38 PM



“ I knew Del through the New Center at MSU. He was a great man and leader, as well as a supporter of the students. I credit him with helping me get a bachelors degree. He was generous with his time to students and faculty. He will be both thought of and missed. Jeff Jones, MSU'85##imported-begin##JEFF JONES##imported-end##

April 17, 2012 at 09:37 AM



“ Dr. Corrick profoundly influenced students and faculty alike. I was honored to teach in the program he helped to create, and I have worked with many students who benefitted from the structures he put into place. When I met Dr. Corrick several years ago, I could see that he was a man who loved and worked hard for students. I know he will be deeply missed.##imported-begin##Rebecca Gardner##imported-end##

April 16, 2012 at 07:44 PM



“ I was stunned to read of Del’s sudden passing. He will be so greatly missed for so many reasons—some of which many people may not know about.

Del was so self-effacing that many people may not be aware of the huge impact he had on the lives of men and women of all ages who were involved in some way with what became the Corrick Center at Minnesota State University-Moorhead (MSU-M).

When Del was hired to direct what was then called the New Center at Moorhead State University, he brought a vision of what could be, but he also brought patience, optimism and persistence to a division of the University designed to provide a pathway to education for non-traditional students.

Under his tenure students of all ages were provided with positive educational experiences that literally changed their lives as so many have demonstrated over the years. The Corrick Center became the launching pad for people who didn’t have the confidence or the grades or both to enroll in a full-blown four-year University program. They began in the nurturing environment of the Corrick Center and then moved out and up.

For example, I worked with a lot of newly-divorced women back in the day when mothers typically didn’t work outside of the home. Del had created that helped those women and other older-than-average potential students find a career direction and enroll in an education program that would help them attain their goals which, of course, included self-sufficiency for themselves and their children. But they were just one example of groups and individuals that were assisted by programs Del created, instituted and/or supported.

There were students with chemical dependency challenges who turned their lives around and became counselors themselves. There were young men who were recent high school graduates who came with the belief—created by past experiences—that they could never

do college-level work, and they found they could, and they did and they went on to lead very successful lives. There were students who went on to become Ph.D's teaching at the University level. Others became business owners, leaders of non-profit organizations and military officers. We are always running into people who tell us their lives were changed because of the Corrick Center connection.

Many lives in the Moorhead area are much different then they might have been because of the well-lived life of one man—Del Corrick. I feel so privileged and lucky to have had the opportunity to have Del as a friend and mentor.##imported-begin##Barbara Sipson##imported-end##

April 16, 2012 at 03:04 PM



“ We were so sad to hear about Del. Knowing that you will be reunited again in eternity can give you some comfort in this very difficult time. Our prayers are with you Jan and your family. Neil and Carole##imported-begin##Neil and Carole Christenson##imported-end##

April 16, 2012 at 02:33 PM



“ Aunt Jan and family,

Trying to find the right words to say at a time like this is impossible. Uncle Del will be truly missed. Such a kind and tender soul with a heart of gold. May God be holding all of you in the hollows of His hands during this time. My love to all... Lori Ann##imported-begin##Lori Hayes##imported-end##

April 16, 2012 at 08:55 AM



“ Janice and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Del will be greatly missed. I will look for him running our road still.

Darren and Deb Colombe and Justin###imported-begin###Deb Colombe###imported-end###

April 14, 2012 at 11:36 PM



“ Del was a wonderful man and will be missed by so many. My late husband Wayne, (Del's brother-in-law) enjoyed our visits with them. It was a highlight in our years together to have them visit us or go to Minnesota and share time together. I so appreciated and valued their friendship and support when Wayne passed on. Truly he was a friend to me and so many other people. He touch lives in the most wonderful way. My life is richer for having known him.;###imported-begin###Ruth Bly###imported-end###

April 14, 2012 at 04:59 PM



“ We are the Corricks neighbor. Del always ran passed our house pretty much every morning...always with a smile and a friendly hello! We will miss you Del! May God Bless You and your Family!###imported-begin###Dan and Renee Maslowski###imported-end###

April 14, 2012 at 09:25 AM



“ I would sometimes say; "Hi Rel" and he would respond; "Hi ya Tiv".....it was one of our many "rel-a-tive" connections.

Many knew him as Mr., or Professor, or Dr. Corrick, but like the rest of the cousins in the family, he is and always be "our" Uncle Pedro!

Your loving, niece, Terry##imported-begin##Terry Louise Hendrickson##imported-end##

April 13, 2012 at 10:29 PM



“ Jan and family, We are so sorry and sad to hear of Del's unexpected death. We will pray for you to know God's peace, strength, and comfort in the difficult days ahead. We understand all too well the complicated grief that accompanies such an unexpected loss. Know that your church family is lifting you up in prayer and enfolding you in God's loving arms.##imported-begin##Paul & Ami McKinley##imported-end##

April 13, 2012 at 09:46 PM



“ We'll so deeply miss Del's smile at church. What a servant's heart he had. May God comfort you as you grieve.##imported-begin##Ken & Heike Dodge##imported-end##

April 13, 2012 at 06:53 PM



“ Jan,

*Rich and I are out of town right now. So sad to hear of Dels' passing.
May our great Lord be with you in the days to come with all the
decisions you will have to make.*

Love,

*Rich and Linda##imported-begin##Richard and Linda
Carlson##imported-end##*

April 13, 2012 at 10:30 AM