



Veryl E. Kalahar

June 2, 1929 - September 6, 2011

Veryl E. Kalahar was born June 2, 1929 in Huron, SD to the late Thomas & Gertrude (Vetterman) Kalahar. He entered the U.S. Army in February of 1951 and served until his honorable discharge in February of 1953. Veryl was united in marriage to Mary L. Thelander on October 6, 1950 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls, Minnesota. He was employed by the State of Minnesota at Camp Ripley from March 22, 1953 until retiring on June 29, 1990. During his 37 years at Camp Ripley, Veryl was involved in every major construction project. Some of those projects included: improvement of the cantonment area from tents to concrete block buildings; major improvements of the Camp Ripley airfield to increase access for a modern military; closing the Camp Ripley dumpsite; supervising the layout, development and construction of what was to become “state of the art” firing ranges for small arms, mortar, tank and artillery practice. His only rank was CIC (Civilian In Charge) on the front of his baseball cap. His leadership and knowledge of technical requirements resulted in most of his projects completed on time and under budget. When the veterans had a vision for a Veterans Cemetery near Camp Ripley, they turned to Veryl to do the layout, surveying and supervising the earth moving. The beautiful Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery that is there today is a tribute to Veryl. Following his retirement, Veryl enjoyed working in his shop, taking care of their home and most of all, spending time with his family. He also helped coordinate the Lindbergh Days Parade for many years. He was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls. Veryl

was also a member of Little Falls American Legion Post #46 where he served a term as Post Commander and coordinated Post #46 military funeral rites for years.

Veryl E. Kalahar is survived by his loving wife, Mary; son, Brian (Candy) Kalahar of St. Joseph, MN; daughters, Leanne 'Lani' (Ron) Larson of St. Francis, MN and Sharon (John) Strack of Sauk Rapids, MN; brothers, Keeven (Alyce) Kalahar of Little Falls, MN and Pat Kalahar of Little Falls, MN; sisters, Norma Molde of Albuquerque, NM and Joyce (Bud) Chambers of South bend, IN; grandchildren, Brady, Jay and Rory (Ericka) Larson, Kristin and Tiffany Kalahar, Brandon and Karlee Strack and David (Michelle)Vukelich; great grandchildren, Drew Larson, Sam, Peja and Will Vukelich.

Veryl was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, infant Oakley Kalahar, Marlin and Thomas Kalahar; a sister, Shirley Perrin.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Lutheran Church - Little Falls
901 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Visitation

SEP 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Veryl E. Kalahar*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Veryl E. Kalahar*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Mary, I am so sorry to hear of your husbands passing. My prayers are with you.*

Karen, former Lindbergh Lady##imported-begin##Karen Kleman Jackson##imported-end##

September 21, 2011 at 05:58 AM



“ *Sharon & Family -*

So sorry to hear about your Dad! May the many memories you have help you through this very difficult time. Thinking of you!

Mary##imported-begin##Mary (Welinski) Olson##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 01:11 PM



“ Lani, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the death of your dear father. May you feel his love and presence around you and find peace in the truth that you will see your father again. The world was a better place because he lived and he lives on in you, your sons and grandson.##imported-begin##Renee & Rick Eich##imported-end##

September 12, 2011 at 12:02 AM



“ Mary and Family:
You have my deepest sympathy. I have been thinking a lot about you. Although I never got to meet Veryl, I kind of feel like I did through the stories you told at the Lindbergh house. It sounds like he was quite the man and certainly made a great impact on many people.
You are in my prayers,
Joy Erwin##imported-begin##Joy Erwin##imported-end##

September 09, 2011 at 09:05 PM



“ We send to the entire Kalahar family our sincere and deepest sympathy.

I'm sure I speak for many of his co-workers remembering well his work ethic, care and concern, and, of course, that sharp wit he was noted for.

I feel fortunate to have enjoyed so many years working with him at Camp Ripley. Veryl will always be remembered with great fondness by our family.

May God bless you all during these most difficult days.

Suzanne Krueger##imported-begin##Suzanne, Steve & Chris Krueger##imported-end##

September 09, 2011 at 05:46 PM



“ What wonderful memories I have of "Unc". Especially times together working on projects, having a cold one or enjoying a funny story.##imported-begin##John and Renee Gustafson##imported-end##

September 08, 2011 at 09:12 AM



“ Sharon and family,
So sorry to hear about your Dad. I hope in time, the good memories you shared with him will help ease the pain you are going through right now. Take care of each other! Hugs...Mary Jo and Dean##imported-begin##Mary Jo Lynch-Fanning (Anne Kent's sister)##imported-end##

September 08, 2011 at 06:51 AM



“ I was so sad to hear of Uncle Veryl's passing. My thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Kelly Kalahar##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 10:41 AM



“ Mary and Family,
Pat and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you and tell you that we will be thinking of you. We shared a lot of good times with Veryl.
Ken and Pat Burggraff##imported-begin##Ken & Pat Burggraff##imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 10:47 PM



“ Uncle Veryl was such a wonderful man and meant the world to my famiy. He will be deeply missed! My deepest sympathies to Mary, Lani, Brian & Sharon and their families. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you!##imported-begin##Joan Kalahar Stuckmayer##imported-end##

September 06, 2011 at 06:43 PM