

Remembering the life of....

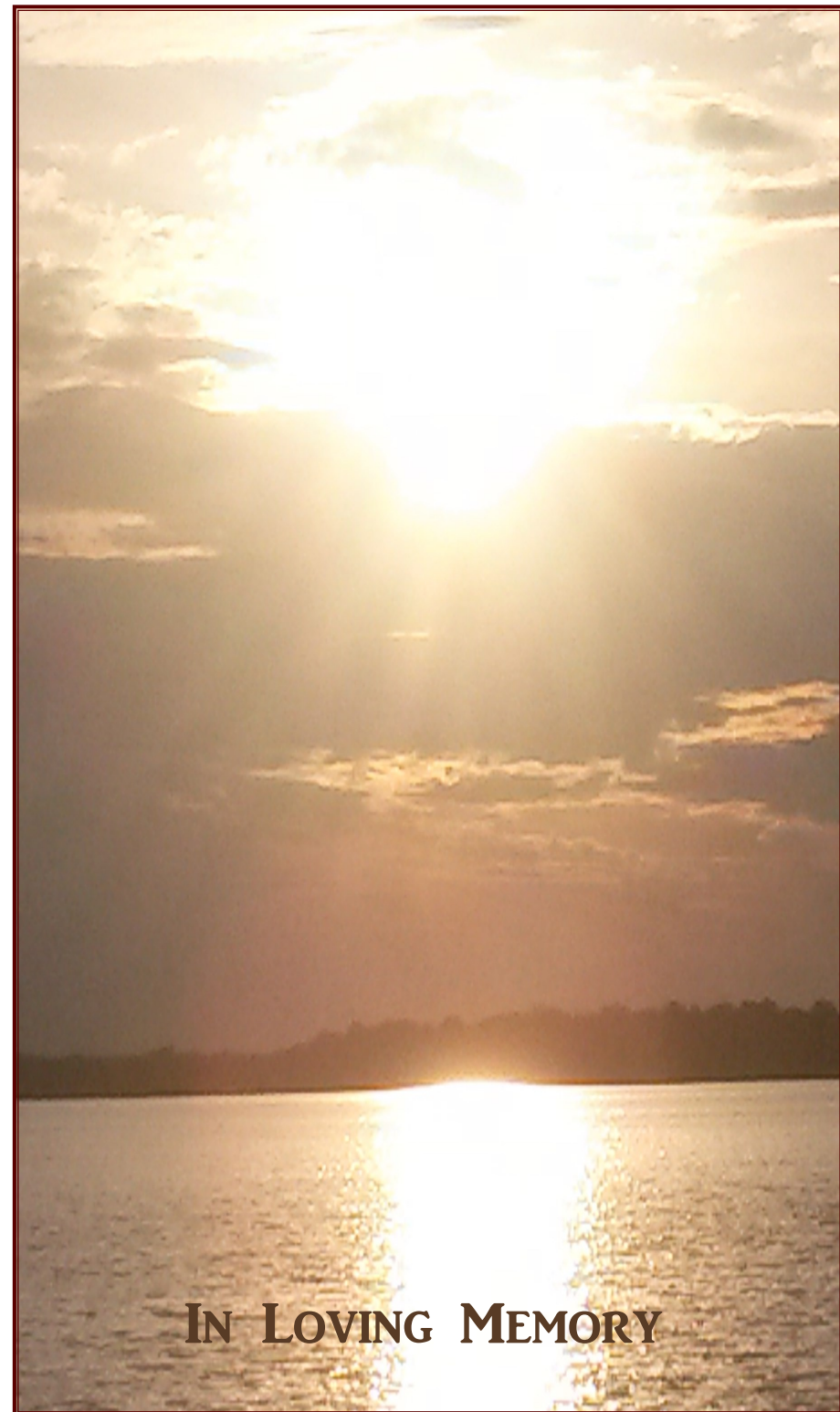
Charles M. Kahl was born in Cleveland, ND to Charles and Evelyn (nee Evelyn Violet Brown) Kahl on May 9, 1932. His family moved to Carrington, ND in 1939 where he attended school, graduating in 1950. He participated in many extra-curricular activities such as football, basketball, band, drama and chorus. In 1951, he joined the Marine Corps and fought in the Korean War for three years. After discharge from the USMC, he went back to surveying, where he met and fell in love with his future wife, Joy Rygg. They were married in August of 1954 and he enrolled at the North Dakota Agricultural College (now NDSU) in the Civil Engineering program. Their daughter Lori was born in 1955 and son Tom was born in 1957.

After graduation from NDSU, the family moved to California where he worked as an engineer. A year later they returned to various cities in North Dakota. In 1977 he became District Engineer in Fargo, spending the remaining 19 years of his career there until his retirement in 1996. In addition to being a civil engineer, he obtained a law degree from LaSalle University (online program). He never practiced law but served as an expert witness on various cases at the Highway Department. He received several awards and plaques along the way but none as important as his family. He adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and spending time with them.

After his retirement, he and Joy spent 16 years traveling throughout the United States with their dear friends. They spent summers at their lake cabin on Big Detroit in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Their traveling days ended when Joy was diagnosed with frontal-temporal lobe dementia in the fall of 2011. He cared for Joy in their home until he suffered a stroke in September of 2021. Joy was then placed in the memory care unit at Rosewood on Broadway (now SMP Health) where she remains today.

Charles died on Saturday April 15, 2023 in Sanford Hospital after a valiant fight with metastatic prostate and bladder cancer. The family would like to extend their appreciation to Dr. Failing at the Roger Maris Cancer Center and Dr. Mahajan at the Sanford Pain Clinic for their compassionate care of him. Memorials can be made to the Sanford Roger Maris Cancer Center.

Charles is survived by his wife, Joy, Fargo, ND; his daughter, Lori (Mark) Thrall, Fargo, ND; his son Tom (Dawn) Kahl, Fargo, ND; his stepmother Marjorie Kahl, Bismarck, ND; his brothers Wes Kahl, Carrington, ND; Keith Kahl, Knoxville, TN; Douglas (Louise) Kahl, Munroe Falls, OH; Steven Kahl,



IN LOVING MEMORY



A SOLDIER'S HEART

A SOLDIER'S HEART
SO COURAGEOUS AND BRAVE
COMMITTED TO HIS COUNTRY
AND THE LIVES HE SAVES

ALWAYS GIVING ALL HE'S GOT
WANTING TO GIVE MORE
SO PROUD TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY
AND WHAT OUR FLAG STANDS FOR

AWAY FROM HOME IN A FOREIGN LAND
STANDING ON THE FRONTLINE
WAITING FOR HIS COMMAND

FEAR IS UNKNOWN
AS HE BATTLES ANOTHER
SO EAGERLY HE WOULD DIE
TO SAVE HIS FELLOW BROTHER

ALL THIS BRAVERY HE SHOWED
RIGHT FROM THE START
THAT'S WHY GOD GAVE HIM
A SOLDIER'S HEART.

BY ANDRIANNA HOLT

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your kindness and support during this difficult time. Please join them for fellowship immediately following the service.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHARLES M. KAHL

FUNERAL SERVICE

West Funeral Home Chapel
West Fargo, North Dakota
Friday, April 21, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.

OFFICIANT

Rev. Rich Kramer
Faith † Journey Lutheran Church

READERS

Life History as written by Grandpa - Logan Kahl
Scripture - Andrea LaMont
Scripture - Ryan Van Dyke

MUSIC

"Go Rest High on that Mountain" - Vince Gill
"Cat's in the Cradle" - Harry Chapin
"On Eagle's Wings" - Jamie Thietten

CASKET BEARERS

Ryan Van Dyke	Andrea LaMont
Tyler LaMont	Logan Kahl
Gavin LaMont	Tom Kahl

MILITARY HONORS

US Marine Corps Funeral Honors Team

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