



## The Marine's Hymn

From the halls of Montezuma  
To the shores of Tripoli;  
We fight our country's battles  
In the air, on land, and sea;  
First to fight for right and freedom  
And to keep our honor clean;  
We are proud to claim the title of  
THE UNITED STATES MARINES.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze  
From dawn to setting sun;  
We have fought in every clime and place  
Where we could take a gun;  
In the snow of far-off northern lands  
And in sunny tropic scenes;  
You will find us always on the job  
UNITED STATES MARINES.

Here's health to you and to our Corps  
Which we are proud to serve;  
In many a strife we've fought for life  
And never lost our nerve;  
If the Army and Navy  
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;  
They will find the streets are guarded by  
UNITED STATES MARINES.



Faulkton, South Dakota  
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**In Loving Memory Of**

# William Edward Kalkman

February 5, 1929  
Faulkton, South Dakota

February 24, 2025  
Faulkton, South Dakota

**WAKE SERVICE:** 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 27, 2025  
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church - Faulkton, South Dakota

**ROSARY:** Pat Stevens

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:** 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 28, 2025  
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church - Faulkton, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Fr. John Short

**LECTORS:** Kayla Johnson and Andrew Hartze

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** JoEllen Palmer

**MASS SERVERS:** Chase Johnson, Blayke Diekert, Anna Martinmaas

**OFFERTORY:** Nicole Thompson, Danni Diekert,  
Amy Chermack, and Carrie Westman

**PLACING OF THE PALL:** Bill's Six Children

**CASKET BEARERS: "GRANDSONS"** Cody Kalkman, Tyler Kalkman,  
Jason Kalkman, Wes Kalkman, BJ Kalkman, Michael Hartze,  
Andrew Hartze, and John Kalkman

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:** Faulkton Senior Living Staff

**MUSICIAN:** Jerry Bowar

**HYMNS:** "Be Not Afraid" "On Eagle's Wings" "Ave Maria"  
"Song of Farewell" "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

**INTERMENT:**

St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery - Faulkton, South Dakota  
With Military honors

**William E. Kalkman**, 96, of Faulkton, passed away Monday, February 24, 2025, at Faulkton Senior Living.

William Edward Kalkman was born on February 5, 1929, in Faulkton, SD, to Bernard John and Catherine (Fanning) Kalkman. He grew up farming alongside his father until 1953, when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Bill completed basic training in San Diego, CA, and continued his service at Camp Pendleton, CA, before being deployed to Korea from 1954 to 1955. After his honorable discharge in 1955, he returned to Faulkton to continue farming.

In October 1953, Bill married Joyce Muehl, and together they raised six children. He managed a diverse farm operation, raising hogs, sheep, and cattle while also growing grain. In 1982, their son, Mike, took over the family farm, allowing Bill and Joyce to move into Faulkton. Bill then worked for the City of Faulkton as city crew chief until his retirement in 1992.

A passionate outdoorsman, Bill loved fishing and tending to his large garden, often sharing its bounty with family and friends. He was an active member of St. Thomas Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Faulkton VFW, the Faulkton American Legion, City Council, and Lakeside Golf Course, where he served as president in 1993.

Bill had a lifelong love of sports, from coaching his children in boxing during the 1970's to enthusiastically supporting his grandchildren in football, wrestling, baseball, softball, and track. His dedication to his family, community, and the land he worked, will be fondly remembered.

Bill's life will forever be cherished by his wife, Joyce; children: Denise (Ed) Kulesa, Clearwater, MN, Kevin (Diane), Huron, Gary (Kimberly), Fairbault, MN, Mike (Lori), Miranda, David (Missy), Cape Coral, FL, and Marianne (Leo) Hartze, Aberdeen; 22 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Consuelo Kalkman and Gayle Charron; and brothers-in-law: Tom and Bob Muehl.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Clarence "Bud" (Dorothy) and Joe Kalkman; and sisters: Mary Ann (Bruce) Hathway and Kathleen (Robert) Cunningham.

## In Loving Memory



**William "Bill" Kalkman**  
**1929 - 2025**

