



## Thaddeus "Ted" Edward Dalkiewicz

July 31, 1927 - March 22, 2020

Thaddeus "Ted" Edward Dalkiewicz, 92, of Marietta, passed away on Sunday, March 22, 2020, at Paramount Senior Living in Maytown. Born in Nanticoke, PA, he was the son of the late Michael and Celia (Sendor) Dalkiewicz. Ted was the husband of Marie "Catherine" (Koor) Dalkiewicz with whom he celebrated 71 years of marriage on January 29th.

Nanticoke High School graduated him a semester early so he could leave to serve his country. He continued to further his education by mail order earning the equivalency of 2 years of college and rapid promotion to "youngest 1st Sgt" in the United States Marine Corps. He proudly served for 22 years during World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War. During World War II, Ted was in the Pacific and Army of Occupation of China. After the war, he served in New York City where he tracked down his faithful penpal and married her - Catherine. He rose to the rank of First Lieutenant during the Cuban Crisis and Korea. He also served at Quantico VA, Camp Lejeune NC, Pensacola FL, Pottsville PA and lastly in Columbia PA as First Sergeant of the Reserve Marine Unit. He retired at his highest honorable rank of 1st Lieutenant. He moved his family to the Marietta countryside and worked as a Metropolitan Life Insurance agent for over 15 years before "retiring" to school-bus driver for the Catholic schools in Columbia, rural Mailman for the Marietta Post Office and caretaker for "the farm".

Ted was a daily communicant and faithful member of Mary Mother of the Church Parish in Mount Joy. In 1995 he helped with the merging of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Mount Joy and the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Marietta to form Mary Mother of the Church Parish. Ted served in many ways; as a Lector, on the finance committee, as President of the parish council, as an acolyte for funerals, on the Holy Name Society, as a Eucharistic minister, as an organizer for the annual BBQ and helped with maintenance at the churches. Because of his ever-presence, he was affectionately called "Fr. Ted" by some of the parishioners. Ted was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #867, American Legion Post 466 Marietta, Catholic War Vets and served on the Lancaster Catholic School Board.

As a young father, Ted volunteered as a Cub Scout leader and was an avid fan of the sporting activities of his children. Ted was a man who treated his entire family to various church dinners and picnics. He took the family to an annual week-long retreats beach-side at the Marianist Family Life Program in Cape May Point NJ. Never idle or afraid to tackle a project or help someone in need, he was a DIY guy decades before the term was popular and taught his children the value of hard work and generosity. As "Santa's Helper" he brought joy to hundreds of children ( including his own) over the years. He had amazing patience untangling countless knots when teaching his children how to fish. He enjoyed watching Notre Dame and Penn State football, stamp and coin collecting, fishing, watermelon, auctions, puzzles and telling entertaining "Marine Corps" stories. He will be greatly missed.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Catherine, are six children, Thaddeus J. Dalkiewicz, husband of Debra of Harrisburg, Teresa M. Via, wife of Gary of Marietta, Anny C. Wilhelm, wife of Mark of Wrightsville, Helene M. DeRose, wife of James of Suisun, CA, Thomas M. Dalkiewicz, husband of Carol of Mount Joy, and Rita A. Rice, wife of Douglas of Marietta. Also, surviving are

seven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and a sister.

Unfortunately, due to health concerns with the coronavirus (COVID-19), the family will be postponing Ted's Mass of Christian Burial and will make an announcement at a later date. Mass cards and flowers are appreciated or memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1893, Memphis, TN 38101-9950.

# Tribute Wall

WW

“ So sorry to hear about Uncle Ted last time i saw him was at my Mom's funeral. He was in Harrisburg then I had no idea he lived in Marietta my youngest son Jonathan lived there for a while and I have great long time friends in Fayetteville Ga. wish we had known as we live in Tullahoma, Tn just up the road . He was a great man but he did unknowingly talk me out of joining the Marines But I did join the Air Force. My deepest Condolences to all. (Nick)

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**Walter K. Wasilewski** - July 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Peace and Love to the family. Uncle Ted will always be remembered. Semper Fi The Bahr Family

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**Justin Bahr** - April 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Thaddeus "Ted" Edward Dalkiewicz

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**Starla Press** - April 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ My sincere condolences to your family, I am so sorry for your loss. I'm so happy that I had a chance to know Ted and his beautiful wife, I am very certain that I am a better person for knowing him. I hope you find peace in knowing that not a day went by without talking about all of his children and family members- Ted will be very missed. God bless you all in this difficult time.

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**Starla Press** - April 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ Hello Helene,I read you dad's obituary last week when you sent it and have been thinking about it since then. The short version is that "I am humbled beyond belief!"Why? It caused me to look back on my own life and "life's work" and when I did so I realized what a selfish person I have been. I have certainly given of myself over the years but not to the vast extent that he did. It makes me re-evaluate many things.How can one person give so much of himself to others.There is a Buddhist philosophy of "a life of service to others" it is also a Christian philosophy as well and your dad pretty much epitomized this ideal. He gave all and STILL had time for his family. I certainly was a main beneficiary of his service. It's funny, but even as a child I realized this---I could see it---he always had time for us kids.I must confess that it saddened me whenever I received word that he was failing and unable to walk/falling down-----I choose to remember him as the young, strong, strapping MARINE that suddenly appeared out of the bush and radiated such immense power. My memories of him and your mom AND Grandmother, are still quite vivid after all these years.How could one man give so much?From,"One of the neighborhood kids from way back"

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**Neighborhood kid** - April 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Some of my best early memories are of Uncle Ted, the farm, Grandma, Aunt Cathy, and all my cousins. He was a great man and a major influence on my life even though he lived far away.

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**Paul Dalkiewicz** - March 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Catherine and Family, We were so sorry to hear about Ted's passing. We know this is a very sad and difficult time for you and your family. You have our very deepest sympathy. We will keep you close in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Michael and Jeanne Moore

Michael and Jeanne Moore - March 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ I often remember how your Dad and my Dad always liked to work on some kind of project when our families visited each other. I remember your Dad's great laugh. I loved the built in bunk beds he made.

Helene - March 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Thank you,Rob, we pray that all of your family is safe and well.

Helene - March 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Deepest condolences to the entire family from our family. I remember with great fondness staying with you guys in Camp Lejeune & York on summers, and our family visits. Your dad was the most cheerful man, I will remember him always.

Rob Whitaker - March 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Yes we had some great times and my parents didn't mind being the taxi driver for the "city kids".

Helene - March 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Thank you so much for your friendship and prayers

Helene - March 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Thinking of you.

Shirl Madonna - March 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Catherine and family, I have so many great memories of you and your family over the years, you were always so caring and friendly and made me feel at home. It was fun to spend time with you all whenever I had the opportunity when Helene came home. You have been and continue to be a blessing to Perry and me, and we will both remember you all in our prayers, for peace and reassurance of God's presence. God bless you.

Shirl Madonna - March 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To Catherine and family, It was always much fun seeing you at the Moore's. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Corinne Thomas Scanlon

Corinne Thomas Scanlon - March 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Peace and prayers for the family.

Jessica Prugar Thumser - March 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I was one of those "city" kids, and yes I loved spending time with my friend, Helene, and her family. Mr. and Mrs Dalkiewicz were always welcoming, kind, and tolerant! "She's here again?!! I know y'all will miss him terribly. Keep those happy memories in your hearts.

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**Jessica Prugar Thumser** - March 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ I owe so much to my Dad - other than the fact that I was born 9 months after he returned from a stint in Okinawa. He was instrumental in instilling in me a deep faith in God, a love for our country - I later served in the USAF Nurse Corps- and a love of the outdoors and fishing. I learned a work ethic from all the chores on the farm; feeding the sheep and rabbits, bringing in the hay, weeding, digging out rocks and harvesting vegetables. Dad always had a big swimming pool for us kids, a ping pong and pool table, and a clubhouse converted from a henhouse. All our "city" friends were always welcome for the day and even overnight. They loved coming out to the country. He had an amazing mind for math and when I was in high school he actually was able to help me with algebra and geometry- he remembered all the theorems! My family and I enjoyed many visits from him and my mom over the years in California. Sometimes we would have a project for him to help us with since he loved to work; build a playhouse, fix the fence, frame an addition, create a 3x8 ft "Jesus" sign to hang above our garage for Christmas. Then we would drag him along for fun vacations to Yosemite, Lake of the Springs, Hawaii and Lake Tahoe. I always felt secure knowing he had my back and when I needed prayer he was a true warrior. That job isn't done because I still need his intercessory prayers and I know I can count in him to come through.

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**Helene** - March 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ A lot of history with the Butz's..Masses in the Home , Holy Trinity school, socials at Assumption of the BVM, etc. Ted was a good man I, always liked and will never forget. Sorry for your loss. Clyde and family, Joe, Steve ,Todd and Paula

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**Clyde O. Butz** - March 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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**Helene** - March 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thank you God for the gift of my Dad, may he be at peace with You.

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**Helene** - March 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM