



Colonel Darrell F. Halse accepted his final orders Friday, September 14th and reported for duty at the gates of Heaven.

His mission on earth began February 23, 1949 in Watertown, SD. He grew up in Clear Lake, SD and at the age of 2 1/2 became a local celebrity when he climbed to the catwalk of the water tower. His safe descent made it apparent the Lord had plans for him! He spent his youth working in the family business, Halse's Foods.

After graduating from Clear Lake High School in 1967, Darrell attended Northern State College in Aberdeen, SD majoring in instrumental music education. While there, he met the love of his life, Marilyn Hector. They married June 19, 1971. Darrell taught band at Redfield Public School for one year until he received his draft notice – which led to the start of his Marine Corps career.

He served on active duty in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii where his two daughters, Wendy and Becky, were born. In 1977, Darrell left active duty and returned to operate the family grocery store until 1999. For nearly 30 years, he was a volunteer EMT with the Deuel County Ambulance Service and was also a board member of the Deuel County National Bank for 18 years.

In 1980, he joined the Marine Corps Reserves and retired in 2010. During this time, he was mobilized for the following deployments: South Carolina during Desert Storm, 29 Palms on 9/11, Camp Pendleton during the Iraq invasion, recalled from retirement to the Washington DC unit managing the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba detention center and Iraq as liaison to the Iraqi Ministry of the Interior.

In 2004, Darrell became a special agent for the SD Dept. of Revenue in Watertown, SD moving to Spearfish, SD in 2011 when he was transferred to the Rapid City office. Reading and running, including several marathons, filled Darrell's R&R time.

Darrell's faith was evident by his lifelong involvement in his local church. He knew what it meant to be a true follower of Jesus. He was a leader in all facets of his life. Above all else, he valued faith, family and friends.

He will be dearly missed by wife Marilyn; daughters Wendy (Eric) Thorson and children Miranda and Josh; Becky (Corey) Ochsner and children Carter and Tanner; mother Shirley; brother Richard; and sister-in-law Linda (Ed) Benkowski. He was preceded in death by his father, Alvin.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Deuel County Ambulance Service of Clear Lake, SD or Semper Fi Fund of Oceanside, CA.



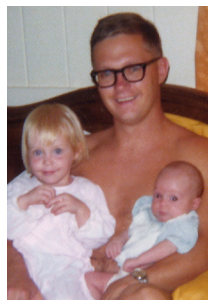
Designed with love: Becky Ochsner



Forever in our Hearts



Darrell F. Halse
1949 - 2018



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February 23, 1949 – September 14, 2018



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

10:00 am Tuesday, September 25, 2018
United Methodist Church
Spearfish, South Dakota

OFFICIATE

Pastor Scott McKirdy

MUSIC

Marilyn Halse
Wendy Thorson

HONORARY URNBEARERS

Dennis Evenson
Richard Klawitter
Alan Severson

MILITARY HONORS

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard
Colonel Jeffery Goodes

INTERMENT

1:30 pm Tuesday, September 25, 2018
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

*Please join the family for lunch and fellowship in the
fellowship hall following the celebration service.*