



The Rev. Charles Marshall Furlow III

January 4, 1928 - July 30, 2011

The Reverend Charles Marshall Furlow III died on July 30, 2011 at the age of 83. Born on January 4, 1928 in San Francisco, C.A, he was the son of the late Rear Admiral Charles Marvin Furlow, Jr. USN and Helen Cameron Russell Clarke Furlow. Father Furlow was a graduate of Georgia Military Academy, April 28, 1945 and went on to attend the United States Naval Academy graduating with a B.S. on June 6, 1952. He was called to the ministry and attended Berkeley Divinity School in New Haven, C.T graduating with a Sacred Theology Bachelor's in 1959 and a Masters in 1965. He enlisted in the US NAVY in 1945 and became an Officer in 1952 after completing the Naval Academy. Between 1954 and 1956 he served as the engineering officer aboard the USS Robert K Huntington DD781 and the Navigator aboard the USS Fort Snelling LSD30. Reverend Furlow transferred to the Naval Reserve to attend seminary at Berkeley Divinity School in the fall of 1956. He was ordained as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 11, 1959 at St. Phillips Church, Charleston, S.C. Reverend Furlow, in his 50+ years of ministry, served the following churches in the Charleston, SC area : Grace Episcopal Church, Chaplain to the Episcopal cadets at the Citadel, St. Jude Episcopal Church in Walterboro, Sheldon Chapel in McPhersonville, Porter Gaud School, and Calvary Episcopal Church. In the Asheville, N.C. area, Reverend Furlow provided service to Christ School in Arden and Calvary Episcopal Church in Fletcher. He retired from the active ministry and the United States Naval Reserve Chaplain Corps in 1989. He was married to Jo Marie Harris on

November 9, 1968 at Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. He is survived by his loving wife Jo Harris Furlow, his brother John Furlow, his children Helen Cameron Russell Furlow, Charles Marshall Furlow IV, and his daughter in law Virginia Allen, and two beautiful Persian cats, Sassy and Winston. His interests include introducing soccer in the Charleston area in 1959, refereeing soccer games from 1960 - 1968, volunteering at the Biltmore Historic Village Museum, instructing bible study groups at nursing homes, volunteering at the Lewis Rathburn Wellness Center, and leading the U.S. Naval Academy Stamp Club in 1952. In lieu of flowers the family requests all gifts be given to the Calvary Episcopal Church Piano Fund, P.O. Box 187, Fletcher, N.C. 28732. Reverend Furlow was a wonderful husband, father, friend, and mentor; he will be sorely missed by everyone he knew and loved. A graveside committal service will be held 12:00 PM, Saturday, August 6, 2011 at Calvary Episcopal Churchyard immediately followed by a Celebration of the Holy Communion in the church. The Rev. Victor C. Mansfield and Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Canham will officiate. The family will receive friends in the church parish hall following the services. Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Episcopal Churchyard

2840 Hendersonville Road
Fletcher, NC 28732

Previous Events

Service

AUG 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of The Rev. Charles Marshall Furlow III*



Morris Funeral Home - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I shall never forget the Captain, ever. Great influence in my life. A wonderful man.*

Randy Shires - November 10, 2024 at 05:15 AM



“ *The Rev. Charles Marshall Furlow III*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Entering Christ School as a young naive boy I learned quickly that Father Furlow was my friend. Looking back... he was so much more than a friend. He saw the good in everything. His worship services were captivating. He was able to draw and hold the attention of 130 boys for several minutes at a time. He was a true leader for me. I cherish my time with him and will never forget his smiling face. Peace be with you and your family, Father Furlow. Your Friend, William T. Greer (Christ School 1990)*

William T Greer - October 16, 2012 at 02:21 PM

JM

“ It caused me great sadness to hear about Rev. Furlow's passing. Father Fuzzy, was, as all of my classmates and fellow Porter-Gaud students have said, one of the most influential people in our lives. Rhodes and Robert became priests because of him. I became a leader in the Episcopal Church here in NH largely because of him.

He pushed me to examine my beliefs, taught me to fight for what i believe, and pushed me to do things I never thought I could do whether it was on the athletic field or traveling to Europe. I know he did the same for everyone with whom he interacted.

I know it's a cliche, but we need more people like him and we shall never see the likes of him again. Thank you for all you have done, and Thank God for sending you to us. Rest in Peace.

James McKim, P-G '79


James McKim - August 26, 2011 at 09:00 AM

SM

“ Father Furlow was one of the best teachers I had at Porter-Gaud. I will never sing "A Mighty Fortress is our God" without thinking of him and the chapel when he had us sing it in its entirety multible times until we could sing with enthusiasm! He showed us the importance of taking the rote responses and applying them to our hearts and express with our lips with a joyful heart. There are many times when he would lead us in cheers for our fellow students. Mostly, at our episcopal school he taught us young Christians the importance of praying for Isreal and how we as Christians are saved by the sacrifice of Christ while the jews are God's chosen people. He was extrodinary as not only a school chaplain but as an example of letting your light so shine in everything one does.

Sarah Phillips Marshall PG'85

Sarah P Marshall - August 07, 2011 at 09:06 AM

 Joseph
Howard

“ *I met Father Furlow when I began attending Calvary in 2000 while still in college. His sense of humor and direct, no nonsense advice were appreciated. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.*

The Rev. Joseph B. Howard

Joseph Howard - August 06, 2011 at 08:12 PM

PD

“ *Father Furlow -- a rare and truly good man who always seemed to know the right thing to do and say, but who was never afraid to call it like it was. Rough and tough, but loving and caring. If only there were more like him, this world would be a better place. God bless you and may you rest in peace.*

Patrick Dom '82

Patrick Dom - August 06, 2011 at 07:38 AM

T'

“ *Father Fuzzy taught me so much about love and faith. He was so good at crying with me when I needed that and laughing with me when that was what was called for.*

May your rest be this day in peace, and your dwelling place in the Paradise of God.

You will be missed.

The Rev. Rhoads Hollowell '79 - August 05, 2011 at 11:01 AM

FJ

“ A friend that will never be forgotten. Frank Burkart, Porter Military Academy 1961.

Frank X. Burkart, Jr. - August 05, 2011 at 10:47 AM

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“ We have warm memories of Father Furlow in his years as Porter Gaud Chaplain when our girls were in lower and middle schools. How fitting that some of the first and most touching tributes came from students of the Jewish faith... testament to the fact that the school, even though it is an Episcopal institution, was fulfilling its mission through those wonderful faculty members of yesteryear. Rest in Peach, Father Furlow! You certainly were 'on WATCH" for all our children!

Dr. and Mrs. Doug Rawls

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas S. Rawls (Joyce) - August 05, 2011 at 09:27 AM

PC

“ When I arrived at Christ School as an untested Headmaster in 1987, Charles was quick to take me under his wing - extending an unhesitating hand of friendship that I much appreciated. As I got to know him, I came to love him. For his warmth, his candidness, and above all his advocacy for students who might need more grace than justice in the rough and tumble world of a boy's school. His smile was infectious, his energy boundless. He was larger than life. Thank you, Charles, for being a godly friend to me and the countless others who were blessed to have you be a part of their lives. Peter Conway

Peter Conway - August 04, 2011 at 08:24 PM

PS

“ *Father Furlow opened my mind with a very well rounded education and understanding of Christianity, as well as another view of Judaism, which I so much appreciated. He also had a great sense of humor.*

May you Rest in Peace Rev. Furlow.

Paul Harry Slotchiver PG 84

Paul Harry Slotchiver - August 04, 2011 at 01:34 PM

KP

“ *I remember being on a Vestry retreat at Camp St. Christopher when the news came that the volleyball team had won State. Father Furlow insisted that we gather by the bell at the camp so we could ring in the victory since we were unable to ring the WATCH tower bell as was tradition. Rest in Peace*

Keith Poe PG 86

Keith Poe - August 04, 2011 at 12:42 PM

GL

“ One of the happiest moments of my life was when Father Furlow agreed to come to Charlotte and officiate at my wedding. I was fortunate enough to be in the class with Charles IV at Porter Gaud, and have wonderful memories of playing at the house there on campus, attending birthday celebrations, and even getting involved in a bidding war with Father Furlow for my mother's cheesecake at a Cub Scout charity raffle! One of my most poignant memories from first grade was the day at chapel when Father Furlow announced to the entire assembly that the first graders got to bring their books to the service for the first time.

When the Furlows left Porter Gaud, I was heartbroken. Our families were fortunate enough to reconnect just before I became engaged, and from there it seemed so natural to have him preside over my wedding ceremony. The care and attention he paid to making sure that day went smoothly was obvious, and I will always think of his smiling face as my wife and I recited our vows. He was and remains an inspiration and a huge part of the best memories I have.

Gary Lemel - August 04, 2011 at 10:55 AM

 Bob Foster

“ Father Furlow (we called him Fuzzy) challenged me during my years at Porter and The Citadel. He spoke with grit --never glossed over the truth. One summer at Camp St Christopher several of us stayed out past curfew. He chewed us boys out and said we were guilty of cheap grace. Then on the last night of camp, he kept us so busy that when we were given an hour to meet our girlfriends on the beech at 11:00pm, I went behind a sand dune and went to sleep. He knew boys -- I had lost my Dad at age 9 and he filled in a lot of the gaps I needed. Bob Foster bob@bobfoster.org

Bob Foster - August 04, 2011 at 08:54 AM

VM

“ When I think of Father Furlow I cannot be sad even in learning of his passing. I am filled with a rush of happy memories of his laughter, smiles, and many words of wisdom. I have always felt so grateful for his guidance and friendship during my years at Porter-Gaud. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family who I am sure will miss him dearly.



Vickie Hoover Muren - August 04, 2011 at 08:01 AM

VM

*The caption was supposed to read-
If you knew him at all, you'll know that Father Furlow was saying something terribly funny & sassy to his entourage of students/friends.*

Vickie Hoover Muren - August 04, 2011 at 08:10 AM

T'

“ I'm a priest today because of my experience of Charles Furlow at Porter-Gaud. What else is there to say, other than rest in peace, my brother. You are surely with Him in paradise.

The Rev. Dr. Rob Droste, PG '79 - August 04, 2011 at 12:26 AM

JF

“ Rest in peace, Chaplain Furlow. I loved everything about you when I was a student at Porter-Gaud, but I particularly enjoyed your Ethics class where I learned that in order to be a good Christian, you have to be a good Jew. My memory of you teaching that will always be in my mind. I wish you well in Paradise!

Janice Walker Fahy - August 03, 2011 at 06:15 PM

EC

“ Early in my freshman year at Porter-Gaud, Father Furlow -- did we also call him Capt. Furlow? -- asked me to organize a group of acolytes for some off-campus church service.

Afterwards he called me into his office...and I, of course, wondered what I had done wrong.

"Do you know why I asked you to organize the acolytes?" I shook my head -- I hadn't a clue. Maybe because my dad's a minister?

"Because I see that you're a leader."

I was dumbfounded. Really? Me? "Leader" was not a word I ever imagined applying to me. But he had seen something, and he took the trouble to call it out, and I never forgot.

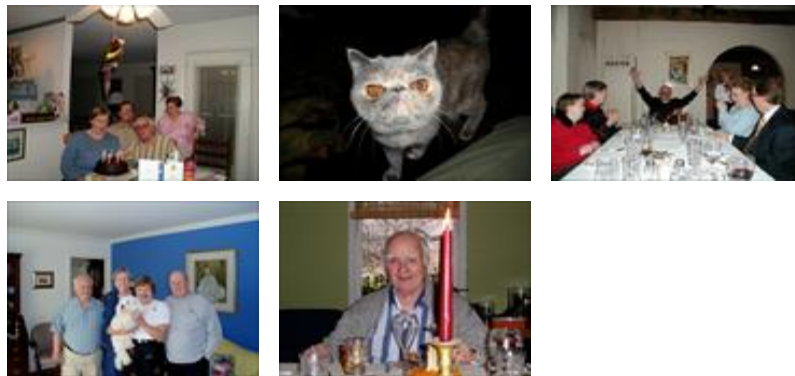
That simple gesture changed my life. I am a leader. I just didn't know it.

Thank you, Mr. Furlow. I trust you're enjoying your new mansion.

Edwin ("Todd") Coleman - August 03, 2011 at 06:09 PM



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Morris Funeral Home & Cremation Service - August 03, 2011 at 12:10 PM

FM

“ I cannot tell you how sad I am learning of Charles Furlow's passing and how blessed I feel having had him in my life during my years as a student at Porter-Gaud. My memories of Father Furlow would fill a book: traveling together on Glee Club trips; trading stomach punches; serving on his PG vestry; crying on his shoulder; receiving his "motivation" on the soccer field; learning about different faiths; and listening to stories of his double dating with my mother in the old days; his influence on me was tremendous and I will never forget him. Heaven will be even a better place upon his arrival. God Bless you and your family Father Furlow!

Ford Prioleau Menefee - August 03, 2011 at 11:22 AM

JC

“ As a Jewish student at Porter Gaud, my familiarity with the Episcopalian faith was a bit limited. Father Furlow helped me understand and always made me comfortable discussing religion. He will be missed.

Jeffrey A Cohen - August 03, 2011 at 10:39 AM

AR

“ Annette Roof sent a virtual gift in memory of
The Rev. Charles Marshall Furlow III



Annette Roof - August 02, 2011 at 09:39 PM

AR

Charles I am sorry to see that your father has passed away. He sounds so very interesting you must have had a wonderful childhood. I will be saying a prayer for you and Virginia. God Bless each of you during this time. Love Annette

Annette Roof - August 02, 2011 at 09:42 PM



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Martha & Dan Vining - August 02, 2011 at 08:34 PM



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Martha & Dan Vining - August 02, 2011 at 08:22 PM



“ *There are two things we learned from Charles that were apparent from our first encounters to the last day we saw him:*

- 1. Strangers are family that you haven't met.*
- 2. It only works when you give it away: show God's love to the world!*

Our love and prayers go out to Jo, Cameron, Charles, and Virginia.

Martha, Dan, & Walker

Martha & Dan Vining - August 02, 2011 at 08:10 PM

RF

“ Jo, I leave in AM for a short vacation to Maine or I would be there with Steve Coker. Charles was such a Godly influence in my life when I needed it back in the mid 60's. Our LORD will ask us one thing only when we see HIM. Who is coming because you have told them about me? Charles will reel the names off. Charles is on the greatest adventure now. Hang on to that in days ahead. He was so blessed to have you in his life. Hope Charles and Cameron may remember me. Please tell them I send my sincere condolences.
Sincerely, Bob Fraser

Robert B. Fraser - August 02, 2011 at 04:19 PM

HM

“ Charles was a wonderful influence on the youth of Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston and students at Porter Gaud School.

Hermine "Bunny" Wehman Martin - August 02, 2011 at 01:35 PM