



Gregory Alan LaFountain

July 7, 1951 - March 19, 2026

Gregory Alan LaFountain, 74, of Charlotte, Michigan, a proud veteran of the United States Air Force, died peacefully on March 19, 2026. Greg was born July 7, 1951, in Detroit, Michigan to Robert James LaFountain and Mary Ann (Dominick) LaFountain. The third of six children, Greg grew up with a strong sense of country and duty that never left him. He carried himself with conviction, always guided by a deep moral compass. Friends often called Greg quiet yet persuasive, the kind of man who could change minds without raising his voice.

He served in the Air Force in Thailand as an Aerospace and Turbine repairman. Due to this he was receiving 100% disability for complications due to Agent Orange. Following his military service, Greg worked for the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press. Later, he served over 15 years as a mechanic for Meijer. During his leisure time, Greg enjoyed taking walks through the countryside. Among his favorite activities was casting a line in the water with his best friend, Tracy and all their friends. Together they loved fishing, canoeing and other activities, especially spending many hours along the Grand River in Mulliken, MI. He continued some of these rituals even after he endured sudden total deafness a few years ago. He received a cochlear implant which enabled him to once again enjoy the sounds of people and events he loved.

Greg was big supporter of the National Rifle Association and gave to many charities, especially those designed to support veterans. He valued the principles that he believed kept communities strong. He was always ready to stand up for those beliefs with respect and clarity. These attributes also demonstrated his steadfast spirit and love for the outdoors that sprang from his fondness for Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau... 'A man needs his silence...' and "In wildness is the preservation of the world." He grew his own vegetables, loved to cook, and was always on the lookout for authentic Thai food!

Greg is survived by his best friend, Tracy "Trace" Hatt and his family; sisters, Renee and Jill LaFountain; brother, Kevin LaFountain; many cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; his neighbor, Tammy; and many friends. He was predeceased by his maternal and fraternal grandparents; parents, Mary Ann (Dominick) and Robert LaFountain; siblings, Dennise LaFountain and Robert Mark LaFountain; and his aunts, uncles, and cousins.

We, his loving family, bid him 'adieu' on this new river of life. We gratefully thank Eaton Palliative Care Center and Heart to Heart Hospice staff. They were there to assist Greg through his peaceful and pain-free last days. They created and were dedicated to the personal care and lovely atmosphere that our brother received.

A special thank you to Rhonda and her team at Knaggs Brake law firm. They added immense comfort to Greg in assisting with his final wishes, and to Pray Funeral home for their care and assistance in carrying out Greg's final wishes.

Friends are encouraged to support Greg's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page. Interment will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in July 2026. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Upcoming Events

Burial

JUL 10. 1:30 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *I will treasure our talks on the deck at the river. Carry on my old friend, I love you*

Joyce Root - March 25 at 10:42 AM

JC

He loved in there. It brought him so much peace.

Jeannie Crsall - March 26 at 08:55 AM

JK

“ *Greg is also survived by his ONLY daughter Jaci Rae LaFountain.*

Joy L Ketchum - March 25 at 09:40 AM

RJ

“ *Greg has rented from me for about 17 years and was the best tenant I ever had. He rarely asked for anything from me without first trying to resolve the issue himself. He was always very courteous and was never ever late paying rent. It was hard watching him decline over the years. He was just a good person!*

Randy Jewell - March 24 at 06:31 PM

RL

Oh thank you so so much. Rumor has it you are a stellar person yourself!

Renee LaFountain - March 25 at 10:17 AM

JC

“ 39 files added to the album *Missing you Buddy*



Jeannie Crall - March 24 at 02:34 PM