



## Murray Lewis Fountain

March 20, 1942 - July 14, 2023

Murray Lewis Fountain, age 81, of DeTour Village, Michigan, died at Harborview Assisted Living & Hospice in DeTour on July 14, 2023, surrounded by his family. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on March 20, 1942, to Lewis Clark and Leah Mae (Seaman) Fountain.

Murray grew up in DeTour and graduated from DeTour Area High School with the Class of 1960. He married his high school sweetheart and best friend, Verna Ann Socia, on August 25, 1962, at the Drummond Congregational Church on Drummond Island, Michigan. They made their first home on Drummond Island as they started their family. In 1971, Murray began a position with Standard Oil, and they relocated to DeTour. Murray later took a position with Autore Oil where he continued to work until his retirement in 2005.

Murray loved to hunt, go camping, fishing, boating and woodworking. He also spent many Sunday afternoons taking rides with Verna, whom he affectionately called "hun." He enjoyed many boating trips to the North Channel with his dear friends. Attending sporting events for his children, grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews brought him immense joy. Murray had a deep affection for children, dedicating countless hours to repairing bicycles and gifting them to youngsters in the community while also patiently teaching numerous children the art of water skiing.

Murray was a fixture in the community and was always volunteering his time. He was previously a member of the DeTour Area School Board, DeTour and Drummond Island Fire Department, DeTour Community Choir, Drummond Island Lions Club, DeTour-Drummond Credit Union Board, DeTour Village Council, DeTour Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity, Raber Area Sportsman Club, DeTour Passage Museum and most recent served as the Mayor of DeTour. For over three decades, he diligently orchestrated and guided the annual 4th of July procession in DeTour. He displayed unwavering commitment as a dynamic member of the DeTour Union Church, assuming roles as a Trustee, Deacon, and Elder.

Murray's greatest joy was spending time with his family and friends, and was affectionally known as "Uncle Muzz." He was exceedingly proud of the accomplishments of his three children. One of his greatest memories was accompanying his son Lewis on a Tiger Cruise on the USS Enterprise in 1999.

Murray is survived by his wife, Verna Fountain of DeTour; son, Lewis (Wanda) Fountain of Long Beach, Mississippi; daughters, Deborah (Hal) Burton of Drummond Island and Denise (Steve) Willmore of Bountiful, Utah; grandchildren, Joshua Fountain, Clayton Fountain, and Christy (Jim) Mayer; great-grandchildren, Drake Mayer, Brandt Mayer, Orion Fountain, and Everett Fountain; sisters, Linda (George) Rousseau, and Marlene (Dennis) Golovich; and brother, Robert Fountain.

Murray was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Leah; sisters, Janice Woods and Ruth Ann Hudak; brother, Russel Fountain; and sister-in-law, Diane Fountain.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 21, 2023, from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM at the DeTour Union Presbyterian Church in DeTour, Michigan. The Funeral

Service will follow at 1:30 PM.

The final resting place will be Maple Grove Cemetery in DeTour Village, Michigan.

Memorial Contributions may be sent to DeTour Union Church, P.O. Box 217 DeTour, MI 49725, or DeTour Ambulance, 260 Superior St. DeTour, MI 49725.

Galer Funeral Homes of Pickford, Michigan, is serving the family.  
Condolences may be left to the family at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Grove Cemetery

E. South Caribou Lake Road  
DeTour, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 21. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Union Presbyterian Church  
166 Ontario St.  
Detour Village, MI 49725

## Funeral Service

JUL 21. 1:30 PM (ET)

Union Presbyterian Church  
166 Ontario St.  
Detour Village, MI 49725

# Tribute Wall



“ *Murray Lewis Fountain*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Murray Lewis Fountain*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Very much will cherish the friendship and consideration you gave to myself, my wife, and my kids. Always had a good laugh when we talked. You would never miss an opportunity to ask how the kids were doing. Loved watching you interact with them, whether it was sitting around the table talking or lighting fireworks in your driveway. The kids always wanted to make sure they saw "Uncle Murray" and "Aunt Verna" when we came up for the 4th. I looked forward to the phone call in the winter to tell me my "red watchman light" in the window was on when the furnace would puke out.....because it was an moment to talk and catch up. You will surely be missed Muzz. You are one of the reasons DeTour is so special to my family.*

*Love,*

*Craig, Amber, Everett, Emmett, and Edie*

**Craig Fountain** - July 21, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Murray Lewis Fountain.*



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July 20, 2023 at 08:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Murray Lewis Fountain.

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July 20, 2023 at 08:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Murray Lewis Fountain.*



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July 18, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Murray Lewis Fountain.*



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July 18, 2023 at 03:51 PM

VC

“ Village Staff and Council purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Murray Lewis Fountain.



Village Staff and Council - July 18, 2023 at 01:54 PM

SM

“ So many great memories with Muzzy and family. He loved to embarrass me by calling me his favorite nickname - Tarzan. All the Munro's will miss our favorite neighbor. RIP ❤️



Suzanne Munro-Kurtz - July 18, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Murray Lewis Fountain.



July 18, 2023 at 02:46 AM



“ Memories of our short time in DeTour, RIP Mr. Fountain. The Jones/Goldacker family



Darlene Lee Goldacker - July 17, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Murray Lewis Fountain.*



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July 17, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Murray Lewis Fountain.

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July 17, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ *What an amazing man; a loving husband, father and friend! Such a joy to be around and a legend in Detour, and in my heart. You will be missed Murray, forever and ever. May you be in peace with your loved ones in Heaven. Love, hugs and peace to Verna, Lewis, Deb and Denise from Rochelle, Brad, Sam and Emma.*



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**Rochelle Mitas** - July 17, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Murray Lewis Fountain.*



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July 17, 2023 at 09:40 AM

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“ Murray was one of the great guys,he will be missed by many, Wishing peace and comfort to the family during this difficult time Cherish the memories,  
Mike & Diane



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**M&D** - July 15, 2023 at 08:32 PM

JT

“ Muzzy was a long time friend of our family and will be missed by so many. He was always quick with a smile and some witty saying. Our sincere condolences to all of the family. Prayers for strength during this difficult time. Soar with the eagles dear friend💕

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**John & Bonnie Tucker** - July 15, 2023 at 05:14 PM