



## Robert "Rob" James McLean

June 19, 1972 - October 30, 2023

Robert "Rob" James McLean, age 51, of Dongola, Illinois, died at his home, on October 30, 2023. He was born in Flint, Michigan, on June 19, 1972, to Richard Leon Hart and Beverly June (Brown) McLean.

Rob grew up in Lake City, Michigan, before the family moved to St. Ignace, Michigan, and Mackinac Island, Michigan. He graduated from Mackinac Island High School with the class of 1990. He started working on the island for Joe Plaza at Arrowhead Carriages and went to Farrier school and became a Licensed Farrier and did shoeing for several years. He then began working with his father doing concrete and block work before returning to drive carriages for Gough Carriages. Rob drove horses on the island until he went to Illinois, with his brother Gary, to help out a friend. After a few months he decided to settle and resided in Illinois for fifteen years, while working at the meat market, processing deer and smoking meats and sausages.

Rob was a member of the Veterans Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the Sons of the Straits.

Rob loved watching sports games, especially his favorite teams, the Detroit Lions, Detroit Tigers, and the Dallas Cowboys. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing. He was a gun enthusiast, and an avid knife collector. He loved problem solving, horses, and playing games. He would give anything to

anyone and was known for being a great person with a big heart and a great sense of humor.

Rob is survived by his brother, Jack McLean of St. Ignace; sister, Michele McLean of Mackinac Island; aunt, Bobbie Lee of Hessel, Michigan; aunt and uncle, Dale and Jodi Gough of Pickford, Michigan; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Rob was preceded in death by his parents, Richard “Leon” and Beverly; grandparents, Jennie Hart, and Jack & June Brown; and brother, Gary W. McLean.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday November 18th from 2:00 PM – 5 PM at the VFW AUX 5114 located at 1110 N State St., St. Ignace, Michigan.

Family Life Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left to the family at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 18. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

VFW AUX 5114  
1110 N State St  
St Ignace, MI 49781