



William Alfred Fountain

January 19, 1949 - July 28, 2023

William “Bill” Alfred Fountain, age 74, of Germfask, Michigan, died at his home on July 28, 2023. He was born in Mason, Michigan, on January 19, 1949, to Leo Clark and June Virginia (Slusser) Fountain.

William grew up in Mason and joined the U.S. Army when he was 17 years old. He was stationed in Germany for a while and then deployed to Vietnam, where he served three tours as a Sergeant. He was in the 11th Armored Cavalry Unit for most of his service there. Bill was awarded A Medal of Valor and two Purple Hearts during his active duty in Vietnam. After returning home from war, he moved to Kalkaska, Michigan, and joined the National Guard for thirteen years until he was honorably discharged in 1995. At some point, he moved up to the Upper Peninsula, where he lived for the last 30 years. After his retirement from the military, he became a licensed electrician and a locksmith and worked as an EMT.

William was a member of the American Legion Post #74 in Newberry, Michigan. He also served in the Sheriffs’ Auxiliary in Luce County, Michigan, for 18 years. And he was a member of the Gold Prospectors Association of America.

William loved the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, photography, and panning for Gold. He also became a licensed pilot and a licensed drone

flyer.

William is survived by his three sons, Loren D. Fountain of Germfask, William Leo Fountain of Breckenridge, Michigan, and Doug Walker of Marshal, Michigan; two sisters, Cindy (Eugene) Smith of Webberville, Michigan, and Annetta Sylverster of Clearwater, Florida; two nephews, Gene Smith and Nathan Fry; and a niece, Carmen Fry who proceeded him in death; William was blessed with many grandchildren

William was also preceded in death by his parents, Leo and June.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution towards funeral costs to aid Loren during this difficult time. Donations can be made out to Galer Funeral Homes, 24549 M-129, Pickford, MI 49774, or by calling the funeral home directly at 906-647-3400. The family greatly appreciates the support.

Galer Funeral Homes of Pickford, Michigan, is serving the family.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Alfred Fountain*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *William Alfred Fountain*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *To the sons of Bill Fountain; Loren, William and Doug, please accept the condolences of the Troopers of the 11th Armored Cavalry's veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia. Bill Fountain was a dedicated and courageous warrior, and in a crucial time, became one of us, one of our own. He served honorably and faithfully with the Legendary Blackhorse Regiment in Headquarters Troop from April 1969 thru March 1970. Exhibiting daring and courageous acumen, he was in the fore front, as the regiment completed its mission throughout large areas of Vietnam. William's name will be published in our newsletter, Thunder Run, acknowledged solemnly during the Memorial Service at our annual reunion, and be enrolled on the scroll with our honored dead. As grateful Americans, we pause and salute a brave man, a recipient of the two Purple Heart, a Bronze Star for Valor and The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry; he proudly honored our regiment. He wore the uniform, was willing to sacrifice, and even put his life on the line for his country, his family and his fellow man. Chaplain Bill Karabinos (11th ACVVC).*

Blandin Karabinos - August 08, 2023 at 09:35 AM

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Thank you so much for the kind words. Insight into Bill's service is priceless as he was always very humble about his three tours. It was a rare occasion for him to share his experiences, but it is clear he fought along side those he considered brothers. Thank you all for your service to our great country, and to each other.

Gene Smith - August 09, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ Loren, your dad was very lucky to have had you as a son. The love and care you gave him your entire life and especially while he suffered. Your Uncle Ed and I are always here to help in any way we can.

You need to remember the good times whenever you start to feel down about his passing. He would want you to continue to grow and live your very best life.

Love you

Betty Watson - August 05, 2023 at 12:36 PM

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“ Dad you were always and always will be my hero I love you and miss you more everyday daisy and I are getting along alright she misses you too we love you dad

loren fountain - August 04, 2023 at 10:44 PM

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“ Bill you will always be my favorite brother and my hero! We all will miss you. I'm looking forward to our reuniting in heaven one day! Until then ... love you forever... your sis. Cindy ❤️

Cindy Smith - August 04, 2023 at 09:32 PM

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“ 46 years as a brother-in-law and Bill will be truly missed :-/
R. I. P. brother Bill

Eugene Smith - August 04, 2023 at 06:51 PM