



## Gary Lee Pushee

February 13, 1947 - March 10, 2023

Gary Lee Pushee of Plymouth Michigan passed away Friday March 10th, 2023 at the age of 76 surrounded in love by his family.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Leann Alestra; daughter, LeAnne Folsom; son, Jeffery Pushee (Denise); Step children Patricia Wright (David); Pamala Alestra; Peter Alestra (Victoria); grandchildren Max, Jake, Emilee (Mike), Jessica, Alex, Emily, Lauren, Mason; great grandchildren Violet and Cora; sister-in-law Paula Pushee and many great friends that will miss him dearly. Gary is preceded in death by his parents Paul and Francis Pushee and brother Bobby Pushee.

Gary was born February 13th, 1947, in Garden City Michigan. Growing up in the city of Inkster, he graduated from Dearborn Heights Robichaud High school and soon met and married his high school sweetheart Nancy Peterson (Pushee) they went on to have two children, LeAnne and Jeff.

At a young age Gary pledged his life as a patriot for this country and enlisted in the United States Marines Corp during the Vietnam War. He served his country as a Marine machine gunner from June 2, 1966 to April 10, 1969, reaching the rank of Sergeant.

Shortly after Gary returned home, he was hired by the Dearborn Police Department in September of 1969. Gary proudly served the community

patrolling the streets as a police officer and also spent several years working undercover as a narcotics officer.

Gary was elected by his fellow officers to the Dearborn Police union board. He served his Brothers and Sisters in blue from 1979 until he retired in late 1992, serving many of those years as the president. While serving as president, he was also a member of the executive board with the Police Officer's Association of Michigan (POAM). After retiring from the Dearborn Police Department, he became a full time business agent with the POAM, representing several Michigan police agencies during contract negotiations, grievances, etc., until he retired in December of 2018.

Gary was an avid sports enthusiast. He played all sports as a child and even coached his son Jeff's basketball team. Gary followed his sport's teams closely and always looked forward to watching the Big Game on TV. Gary was a deer hunter and opening day of deer season was always an event. He enjoyed NASCAR and attended the Daytona 500 several times. Gary will always be remembered for his love of animals.

If you had the pleasure of knowing Gary you were captured by his quick wit and sense of humor. His quirky, yet extremely precise ways kept you coming back for more!! He definitely passed that on to his children. Gary would also be your biggest fan and supporter if you had a scheming idea or business opportunity, he was all in!!

Gary was a proud parent, grandfather and stepdad. He brought two families together and played an integral part in allowing them to blend so well. We will continue to make memories in his honor.

A memorial gathering will be held on March 19th, 2023 at 4:30 PM at the One Under Banquet Venue. Address: 35780 Five Mile Rd, Livonia MI 48154. There

will be a Military Funeral Honors under the auspices of the United States Marine Corps at 5:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Gary's name to: Disabled American Veterans (DAV), P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250 or on line donation at: [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)

To share a memory of Gary with the family, please click on the 'Share a Memory' tab of this web page.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAR 19. 4:30 PM - 11:30 PM (ET)

One Under Banquet Venue  
35780 Five Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48154

## Military Funeral Honors Service

MAR 19. 5:00 PM - 5:15 PM (ET)

One Under Banquet Venue  
35780 Five Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48154

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Lee Pushee

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ Oh my Dear Gary, to say that you'll be missed is an understatement. The memories and shenanigans of you and Tim at the PD keeps me smiling whenever I look back in time. I know Tim and the rest of the guys are waiting for you on the other side, so please behave and don't get everyone kicked out of Heaven.

Cynthia Ryan - March 19, 2023 at 11:21 AM



Just heard Cindy. You hit it right. I will miss him.

John Easter - June 13, 2024 at 08:02 PM



“ Paul & The Clear Strategy Team purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Gary Lee Pushee.



Paul & The Clear Strategy Team - March 19, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ Jan Jones and Dave Satterley purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary Lee Pushee.



Jan Jones and Dave Satterley - March 17, 2023 at 02:10 PM

EB

“ Gary was a crazy, funny, and awesome man. He was giver. Anything that was his he would share with his friends. Except his John Deere tractor. No one was allowed to use it. That was the center piece for his barn. I think he waxed it every week. I enjoyed traveling with Gary and our friend Jim Tig to the Nascar races the only problem was is that Gary would take a detour while walking as we were leaving, and I would have to go back into the track to find Gary with 100,000 fans trying to leave as Gary had a tendency to get lost. We always found him, but it took a little while. Traveling to Washington DC with Gary was always a treat as you never knew what to expect but you did know an 8 hr. trip was going to take at least 10 hours as Gay had to make many pit stops. There are many more memories to share but it would take a while. Man.... he was a GREAT dude!  
Rest in peace my friend it was a pleasure hanging out with you and to the family my prays and thoughts are with you.

*Eric Bettcher*

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**Eric Bettcher** - March 17, 2023 at 10:34 AM

GJ

“ So sorry for your lost. Gary and I were best friends since before kindergarten  
thur high school. We played sports all those years, little league and high school. Three of us were going to join the USMC in 1966, Gary Lee, Larry Robinson and myself. I was drafted prior to enlistment and went Army. After service we were back together for a while, bowling, basketball and softball.  
I moved to Kentucky and everything changed. I remember him well and considered him one of my best friends. Although, we hadn't communicated in years, I wish we could have. We had young families when I left the state.  
I remember Leeann and Jeff being very young. Life is short. May God bless you all. Rest in peace my brother.  
Gary Jones

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**Gary Jones** - March 15, 2023 at 05:21 PM

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“ My brother from a different mother. A friend for over 50 years. We followed the same path in life. United States Marine Corp, (USMC), Dearborn Police Dearborn (DPD) and Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM). After serving in the Corp we were put on that path one moment in time some 50 years ago when we were scout car partners on the 1 beat in Dearborn. You will be missed my brother. See you on the other side.

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**Jerry Radovic (Rats)** - March 15, 2023 at 01:51 PM

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“ *RIP my favorite brother-in-law. Nothing will be the same without you. You touched a lot of lives while you were here. You will be missed. Leann and family the love and memories will help you through this. Thinking of you.*

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**Paula Pushee** - March 14, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Pushee.*



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March 14, 2023 at 09:25 AM

DC

“ *Sorry for the loss of Gary. I met him several times at Bob and Paula house. Was a great guy and enjoyed talking with him. Prayer to the family. Dean Coleman.*

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**Dean Coleman** - March 13, 2023 at 09:13 PM