



Mr. Robert A. "Bob" LaFleur

November 16, 1948 - April 10, 2017

Robert A. "Bob" LaFleur, 68, of Plant City, Florida and formerly Syracuse, New York, entered into eternal rest on April 10, 2017. He was born on November 16, 1948 in Syracuse to James and Melora LaFleur. He was a veteran and Purple Heart recipient of the United States Army having served as a combat medic in the Vietnam War, and was a retired Physicians Assistant with the Syracuse Veteran's Hospital. He was a member and Deacon of Turkey Creek First Baptist Church in Plant City. He enjoyed fishing and camping. He is survived by his wife, Mary Frances DeShong LaFleur; brother, Jim LaFleur (Jean) and Melora "Lori" Nutter of Missouri; brother-in-laws, Terry Haight and Ted Halsdorf; 9 grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Yvette LaFleur Fowler; parents; and sisters, Mary Wallace, Joan Haight, Louise Chase, and Jeannette Halsdorf. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, April 14 at 11:00 A.M. at Turkey Creek First Baptist Church, 4915 West Trapnell Road, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Oaklawn West Cemetery, Plant City. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

N. Wheeler Road
Plant City, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Turkey Creek Baptist Church
4915 W. Trapnell Road
Plant City, FL

Celebration of Life

APR 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Turkey Creek Baptist Church
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Plant City, FL

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Memories of ..Bob..*
I remember the evening he admitted to molesting his daughter from the time she was a baby...
I remember the day he tried to punch her in the face and I stepped in front of her and he broke my nose...
I remember the day I caught him molesting my 2yr old son...
I remember him letting his daughter die...
I remember him putting our house up for collateral in order to bail his crack dealer out of jail...
I remember that REAL BOB...

Janine Sagert - October 01, 2018 at 09:08 AM

JS

P.S. he was fired from the V.A.
...and his "purple heart" was for dislocating his shoulder while playing football...lolll.

Janine Sagert - October 01, 2018 at 09:19 AM

SP

“ *Sylvia Paul lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. "Bob" LaFleur*



Sylvia Paul - April 17, 2017 at 02:53 PM

SP

I'm sorry I didn't get to Bob's funeral. I don't get out and go very much but if I had been able I would have. You are still on my mind and in my prayers.

Sylvia Paul - April 17, 2017 at 02:57 PM

CL

“ *Uncle Bob LaFleur will be missed by our family and friends.* ”



Chris LaFleur - April 15, 2017 at 01:56 PM

TH

“ When I married Joanie LaFleur in 1964, I also acquired a wonderful Mother-in-law, 4 sisters-in-law and 2 Brothers-in-law, all of whom I cherished. But I was closest to Bob for some reason; we just seemed to hit it off. He was the brother I never had; we were in the Army at the same time, served as medics in Vietnam at the same time, he lived with us off-and-on, etc...

Bob was the kind of guy we will be telling stories about (all true...), and my children will be telling them long after I'm gone. He just instinctively did things that other people didn't do. He had me stop my car one day so he could see if he could save a dog that had just been hit by a car, When he realized that the dog was beyond help, he put it out of its misery. He helped extract a fellow who was entangled in a wrecked car, then told the medics what his injuries were, and they had him ride the ambulance to the hospital, talking to the doctors at the hospital by radio to administer treatment. I'm sure they thought he was a doctor (and he never told them otherwise).

Mary Frances, you were his (human) salvation. You brought structure and stability to his life, re-introduced him to his Savior, gave him the love he needed. I'm sure you will miss him, but so will we all. Bob has been a part of our lives, and he will always be a part of our memories. We are all looking forward to the resurrection, when we will be reunited with our loved ones. God bless you and comfort you as you go through this loss.

Terry HAight - April 15, 2017 at 10:09 AM

JS

Why did all of you turn a blind eye to the two child molesters? Bob and his brother surely have a special place in hell. If I had known the truth, I would never have been involved with him, much less married him. His guilt and self loathing, and my discovering the truth is what destroyed our marriage. Truth is...he was a monster.
Is there salvation for child molesters? I think not!

Janine Sagert - August 12, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert A. "Bob" LaFleur.*



April 13, 2017 at 11:32 AM



“ *April Fleming Sullivent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. "Bob" LaFleur*



April Fleming Sullivent - April 12, 2017 at 07:25 PM

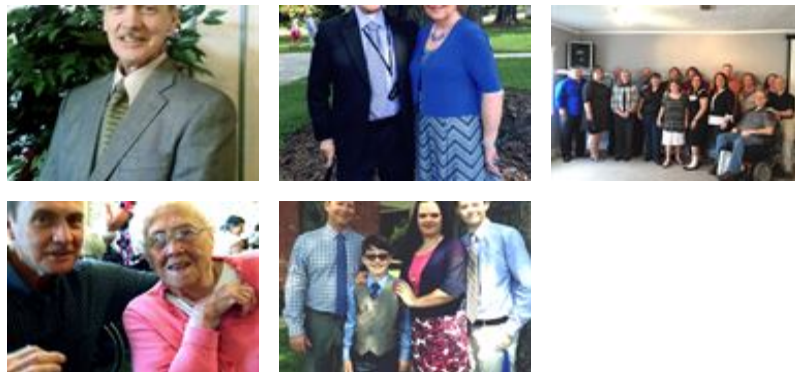


“ *Mary Frances I am so sorry I know how much you loved bob. May all those precious memories you made help to heal the pain if losing him. Praying for you* ❤️

patty coone - April 12, 2017 at 06:17 PM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 12, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ *Mary Frances and family members, wish there were words to ease your hearts and fill the void left behind. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Bob & Sally Raburn*

Sally Raburn - April 12, 2017 at 10:48 AM



“ *Lori Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert A. "Bob" LaFleur*



Lori Howard - April 12, 2017 at 09:51 AM

BS

“ Uncle Bob loved to tell the story of how when my Mom was feeding me spaghetti he would stand behind her, facing me. He would wait until my hands were messy, & knowing how I would copy his every move, would hold his hands in the air, then put them on his head, & run them down his face. He would wait until Mom would clean me up & then repeat the process. He got away with it 3 times before my mother caught him 😂

Barbie Haight Stricker - April 12, 2017 at 09:07 AM

NE

“ Dear Mary Frances and all of Bob's family,
I am Bob's brother-in-law Terry Haight's younger sister Nita.
Bob and you have always been, for me, a brother and sister at a distance.
I am grieving with you, Mary Frances, and, at the same time, relieved for our dear Bob, that he is at rest and waiting to be reunited with you and everyone whom he loves so much. God will have remade him so beautifully and perfectly, when you see him again!
I am asking our God to do what He is so ready to do - to hold you close and to keep you.
Sending you much love, through tears...
Nita Haight Erwin

Nita Haight Erwin - April 11, 2017 at 11:47 PM