



Alan Gougherty

June 17, 1946 - October 13, 2024

Alan Thomas Gougherty was born in Detroit, Michigan to Robert and Helen. Alan was a brother to Bobby, Diane and Dennis.

Alan graduated from Cody high school in 1964. Alan worked at Detroit Diesel before joining the army in 1965. Alan was a Paratrooper and served in Vietnam. Upon his return home he attended Henry Ford Community College, then WSU, while working as a mechanic for the City of Detroit. However, his journey changed joining the Peace Corps and leaving for Africa. Alan returned to Michigan leaving again to Alaska. Alan then retired to Michigan permanently.

Alan became a father, Philip was born in 1968. Then a grandpa to Cameron, Olivia and Skyler. Alan loved and cherished his family, Philip and Angie and his grandkids.

Alan and his wife Eva enjoyed a lifetime connection, crossing paths often. They reconnected in 2017, and were married in 2022.

Alan was an avid reader, enjoying multiple books at a time. He loved walking his dog Spooky, a good mile daily.

He leaves to cherish his memories; his wife Eva; son Philip and Angie; grandchildren Cameron, Olivia and Skyler; brother Dennis, Jane and Maya; and a host of family and friends.

He will be greatly missed!

Please leave words of comfort for the Gougherty family on this personal tribute page.

Alan services will be lived streamed. Please go to the Kemp Funeral Home webpage, highlight Alan Gougherty photograph, look for the tab that says: MEDIA or Photos/Videos. There you will find an icon (1External Video) click on the triangle in the middle, you will be in the Zoom waiting room. If you have any issues connecting, please contact Kemp Funeral home at (248) 702-5367, it will be our pleasure to assist you.

Previous Events

Family and Friends Hour

OCT **26**. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

EG

“ *Eva Gougherty lit a candle in memory of Alan Gougherty*



Eva Gougherty - October 27, 2024 at 04:28 AM

AN

“ *Godspeed to you and your family.*



Anonymous - October 26, 2024 at 03:43 PM

AP

“ *I LOVE YOU DAD!!!*



Angie Pulaskey - October 26, 2024 at 11:21 AM

AP

“ This was at a New years eve party at the Hurry Inn. Alan was a many of many talents and strengths. He will forever be missed by the world. I love u Dad thank you for always being there and giving advice even if it wasn't what I wanted to hear. That's one of the million things I loved about you. Your honesty!! Fly high Dad. Until we meet in the other side.



Angie Pulaskey - October 26, 2024 at 11:20 AM

SW

“ You are and always will be my quantum son. You have left a mark on our world that will always remain strong. We here on B Ave are in your Quantum time loop. You live in the fiber of this house. The late night conversation at our dining room table will resonate in this home long after we all leave this earth. Know that we will meet you on the other side, you my son, Jeff's Brother and the proverbial uncle to all in our realm. You will always remain in our hearts and in our stories. Remember the Alaska party, for it always makes us laugh. Know that Chong will miss you bunches

Sooze Widmer - October 26, 2024 at 10:43 AM

CD

“ Today we gather to share memories of a man Well Loved...He Loved Life and always lived it to it's Fullest...He served his country in Viet Nam, 82nd Airborne, and helped establish the VIET NAM VETS AGAINST the WAR in Detroit. He also joined the Peace Corps and helped families in AFRICA ,At the same time training Naval military how to DEEP SEA DIVE & BECOME PARA-MEDICS....A very INTELLIGENT Man - & passed that on to his Son PHILIP & GRANDCHILDREN CAMERON & OLIVIA...A Very off beat sense of Humor which was Priceless....His Presence will sorely be Missed but Never Forgotton...A Great MAN ❤️



Cathleen D'Angelo - October 26, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Alan Gougherty.



October 25, 2024 at 11:52 AM

AP

“ I hope u know how very much you meant to me.. to all of us but you were my family by choice and that made it a better bond btwn us. I love u Dad. Miss ur daily texts. WFA (watch for angels 🙏)



Angie Pulaskey - October 24, 2024 at 09:38 PM

AP

“ Always going to remember how much fun of a person you ate. You wete life of the party thankful for every year over gotten to spend work you. Love u Dad FLY HIGH OH W.F.A. 🥰



Angie Pulaskey - October 24, 2024 at 09:34 PM

AP

Typos I'm thankful for every day I spent with you. You are an amazing human . I miss u terribly already.

Angie Pulaskey - October 24, 2024 at 09:42 PM

SW

“ Sooze Widmer lit a candle in memory of Alan Gougherty



Sooze Widmer - October 24, 2024 at 07:38 PM

EG

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Eva Gougherty - October 20, 2024 at 04:04 PM

EG

“ *Eva Gougherty lit a candle in memory of Alan Gougherty*



Eva Gougherty - October 20, 2024 at 04:01 PM

EG

“ *Eva Gougherty lit a candle in memory of Alan Gougherty*



Eva Gougherty - October 19, 2024 at 09:37 PM

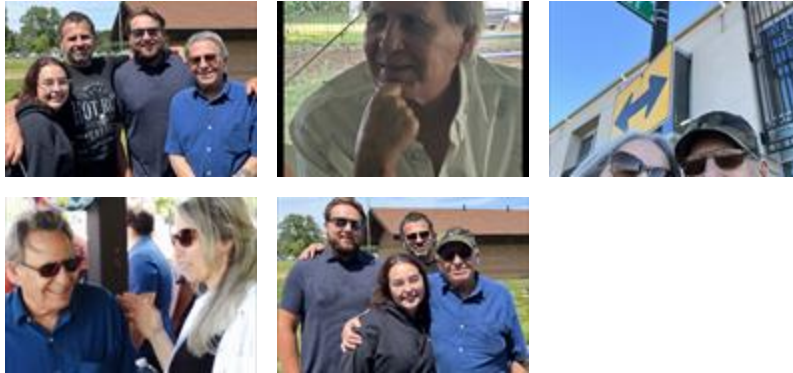
MS

“ *Al was a man with a great sense of humor, I still laugh at some of his sayings, I also found him to be quite a knowledgeable person. he will be greatly missed.*

Mike Shutt, - October 17, 2024 at 04:44 PM

EG

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Eva Gougherty - October 17, 2024 at 05:27 AM

TD

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Tom D'Angelo - October 16, 2024 at 12:44 PM

PG

But that was a brilliant idea of my Uncle Tom had that put a smile on my dad's face for a few days at least after that and we laughed about it many times after best dad I could ask for best uncle also much more I could say about my dad but not enough space here plenty of time for that yet to come thank you everyone for your comments and photos

Philip gougherty - October 17, 2024 at 07:45 AM

OG

“Missing you more than anything. Your infectious laugh and smile are forever in my head and heart. I love you more than anything in this world. We are all so lucky to have you grandpa. You made me feel safe and protected my whole life, I never had to worry about a thing with you. All the sleepovers all the trips, I hold those so close to my heart. One of the last things you said to me was “Gougherty’s are tough as shit you’re gonna be okay sweetie.” Said the toughest man I’ll ever know. I’ll see you again one day, until then I’m gonna live for you. I’ll never forget you ever grandpa.



Olivia Gougherty - October 15, 2024 at 11:31 PM

EG

“Eva Gougherty lit a candle in memory of Alan Gougherty



Eva Gougherty - October 15, 2024 at 05:13 PM

EG

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Eva Gougherty - October 15, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ Olivia Gougherty lit a candle in memory of Alan Gougherty



Olivia Gougherty - October 15, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ The first time I met Alan, he immediately treated me like an old friend. He was great to chat with. A very warm and caring man. You could tell he loved his family dearly, especially the grandkids. He will truly be missed by everyone that ever met him.

I pray that his family and friends find peace knowing that he's still looking after them all.

Alan, it was a pleasure knowing you. Until we meet again.....

Jaclyn Hanus - October 15, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ Angiela lit a candle in memory of Alan Gougherty



Angiela - October 15, 2024 at 11:01 AM

CG

“ Cameron Gougherty lit a candle in memory of Alan Gougherty



Cameron Gougherty - October 15, 2024 at 09:47 AM

CG

“ My grandpa was always a rock in a bad storm. Someone I could count on every time to talk to or vent. A get away from chaos. his house in Southfield was a safe haven for me. He was a safe haven for me, always offering a new perspective on something I was struggling with or just simply being a phone call away I knew I could always count on him to be there for me. I know he impacted so many lives around him I was always in awe of what a good person he was and how many people respected him. I will always cherish the times we had together I'll forever live my life in a way that he would respect. I will miss him more than words could ever express. I love you grandpa I'll never let you be forgotten.



Cameron Gougherty - October 15, 2024 at 09:45 AM

EG

“ Alan, my husband, my first, last, forever love! For all the paths we crossed in life to be together now was extraordinary, or as you said a bolt from the Universe! Thank you for all the moments we shared through our lives, the love, the laughs. Oh how you will be missed and cherished all the days! And damn, you had fight Alan, through all you endured, so peace and love be with you now and forever!
Your loving wife, Eva

Eva Gougherty - October 15, 2024 at 08:28 AM

PG

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Philip gougherty - October 14, 2024 at 10:01 PM

AP

“ This was one of my favorite field trips I went on with Olivia as this is the one she was talking about at where we skipped second half of trip to go to Alan's Favorite bar . THE HURRY INN!!! Alan and I had bloody Mary's & Livie had a Shirley Temple . Was one of my best day's ever!! I'm glad u brought this one up. Love this man always and forever. FLY HIGH DAD AS I KNOW YOU WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH OVER US ALL . but I'm certainly going to miss our long talks..□



Angela Rae Pulaskey - October 14, 2024 at 09:29 PM

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Tom D'Angelo - October 14, 2024 at 08:24 PM

TD

“ Tom D'Angelo lit a candle in memory of Alan Gougherty



Tom D'Angelo - October 14, 2024 at 07:09 PM

OG

“ Every conversation since I was little ended in “WFA” (watch for assholes) he truly lived by that. I’ll never forget skipping my 4th grade field trip half way through to go to the bar to visit his friend Sharon. We always laughed about that. I’ll never forget going to see Godzilla with grandpa and my brother cam. He would yell “GODZILLA GODZILLA” in the movie theater during the movie. Or our one peanut Eminem for dessert. I don’t think there’s anyone like him he truly had a heart of pure gold. The most honest, loyal, caring, selfless man. I always knew I could go to him with anything and he would just be there no questions asked. A few months ago I drove out to visit him and we went to lunch, there were about to close in 10 minutes but grandpa didn’t care. We were the only ones in there. Before this I drove around for 2 hours looking for the solar eclipse glasses everywhere but nobody had them. While we were eating a lady walked in with a stack of them and gave us 2 of them. We were so excited because he really wanted to see that and so did I. We drove back to his house and watched it in the backyard. I’ll forever be your eclipse partner.

Olivia Gougherty - October 14, 2024 at 06:18 PM

TD

“ Back in 1967 When Al (82nd Airborne and 1st Cav.) was getting out of Vietnam He stuffed some Vietnamese marijuana in an old radio cassette player. He was sending home and then he kept the whole neighborhood on Penrod Street in Detroit feeling very good the whole summer of 1968. And over the years, the story would be brought up at events and get togethers over the years about that summer from different people. And everybody would say oh yeah, I remember that “ Boy, was that some good weed!

Or a smile and quiet laugh with a oh yeah !

So this year Philip , Cameron and Olivia and myself decided to play a little joke and get a old radio stuff it with the same weed and wrap it up with some old brown shipping paper and old Vietnam, stamps and dirty and make it look like the post office lost it for 50 years. So Philip was picking him up one day to go to the doctor and said hey dad The mailman was just here and left this package that was sent to the old Plainview address in Detroit to his wife Cathy. Then Al was looking at it, trying to remember this package and how the hell did they lose it for 50 years? And then he opened it up when he got home from the doctor and knew something was funny because it had a fresh weed smell to it,, And then Philip told him the whole story and AL and all of us got a huge laugh out of it. 😊
RIP My brother !

Tom D'Angelo - October 14, 2024 at 05:31 PM

OG

“ To the greatest man I’ve ever known, I’ll miss you everyday for the rest of my life. I’m sad you had to go so soon but I know you’re in a better place now. I love you I love you I love you grandpa ❤️



Olivia Gougherty - October 14, 2024 at 04:23 PM