



Gary Joseph LeBlanc is a Dementia Communication Specialist, Author of "Staying Afloat in a Sea of Forgetfulness," "The Aftereffects of Caregiving," "Managing Alzheimer's and Dementia Behaviors," and co-author of "While I Still Can." Also, a weekly columnist for 12 years of "Common Sense Caregiving." LeBlanc has over 450 articles in newsprint, including the Tampa Tribune, Hernando Today, Feather Sound News, and USA Today on dementia care.

In August of 2018, he became the Director of Education for the Dementia Spotlight Foundation. This role has him building educational conferences and hosting seminars and webinars. His first responder's training includes sheriff's and city police departments, EMTs, and Florida State's health departments employees.

He founded the Alzheimer's/Dementia Hospital Wristband Program in 2010 and the Dementia Mentors' Organization in January 2014.

LeBlanc received the 2016 U.S. Congressional Award of Excellence and the 2026 Golden Heart Award of Tampa Bay for his invaluable service in raising dementia awareness.

His writings, training, and speaking events utilize his 6,000-plus days and nights of personal caregiving experience to help other Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers cope with the everyday challenges and emotional struggles of caring for the memory-impaired. He is currently training in Dementia Awareness Classes as part of the state's Crisis Intervention Training Course.

He carried out a 20-plus-year caregiving campaign, being the primary caregiver for his dad with Alzheimer's disease and his mom with vascular dementia.