



## Leeman "Lee" Braford

January 1, 2007

Leeman Braford -- Bourbonnais Visitation for Leeman R. "Lee" Braford of Bourbonnais, will be from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, with a 5 p.m. wake service. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Bourbonnais. Father Richard Pighini will officiate. Burial will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Memorials may be made to Provena St. Mary's Hospital Foundation or to the University of Chicago. He died Monday (Jan. 1, 2007) at the University of Chicago, Bernard Mitchell Hospital. Mr. Braford was a medical laboratory surveyor for the Illinois Department of Public Health, retiring after 20 years of service. He was a former laboratory director at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. He was also a licensed insurance and real estate broker. He was born in Chicago, the son of Leeman R. and Gertrude Kennedy Braford. He received a bachelor of science degree from Olivet Nazarene University; a master of science degree in pathology from the University of Illinois; and a master's in health care from Governors State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He attended Maternity BVM Catholic Church. He was a member of the Moose, the VFW, and the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. He was treasurer of the Bourbonnais Friendship Festival for eight years. He was devoted to caring for the homeless and enjoyed traveling throughout the world. He was a licensed pilot. Surviving are his wife, the former Carol J. Morgan, whom he married Dec. 25, 1973, in Kankakee; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brad and Melissa Braford of

Washington D.C., Bret and Betty Jo Braford of Portland, Ore.; three grandchildren, Jason Braford, Courtney Kent (Stephen), and Lauren Braford; one great-granddaughter, Catherine Kent; one sister, Rachel Pezanoski of Racine, Wis.; one brother and sister-in-law, Richard and June Braford of Menominee, Wis.; one sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Mary Jo and Gary Schrock of Galesburg; one brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mark and Alisa Morgan of Bourbonnais; mother-in-law, Kathryn Morgan of Clifton; and several nieces and nephews. Deceased are his parents; father-in-law, John Morgan; and brother-in-law, Terry Morgan.

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss, but we know Lee is in a better place. ĩ½What a wonderful man he was. ĩ½As a college classmate and fellow science major, I had the opportunity of spending time with him. ĩ½He was quiet, but his smile and intelligence were always apparent. ĩ½He'll be missed!##imported-begin##Ray Cunningham##imported-end##

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“ Carol~ Lee was a special man to so many people. ĩ½He always had a smile, and a kind word for everyone. ĩ½Please know that as you remember and share the stories of the years you and Lee had together, you will find peace and comfort knowing a part of him is always with you. ĩ½Our thoughts and prayers are with you always.  
<br><br>Love, Steve, Mary Ellen & Alexis ĩ½ĩ½##imported-begin##Steve, Mary Ellen & Alexis Gramera##imported-end##

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“ Dear Carol, <br><br>Such a shock. My prayers are with you during this time. <br><br>I will miss seeing him and his nice smile. <br><br>Fondly, <br><br>Jan###imported-begin##Jan Unger###imported-end##

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“ Dear Carol and family, I was very saddened to hear about the lost of your husband. ĩ¿½My prayers for you and your family are with you and continue to be encouraged and stay strong in the Lord<br><br><br><br>Many blessings to you, <br><br>Veretta###imported-begin##Veretta Gray###imported-end##

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“ Lee, you will be missed!!! <br><br><br><br>Carol, our thoughts and prayers are with you, hope to see you soon. <br><br><br><br>With love, <br><br><br><br>Bill & family<br><br><br><br>###imported-begin##Bill Meade###imported-end##

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“ Our sympathy to you Carol and to your family. ĩ¿½###imported-begin##Nick & Shirley Africano###imported-end##

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“ .Dear Carol and family,<br><br>Our prayers,love,sympathy and thoughts. are with you during this difficult time.<br><br>May your faith in the Lord comfort and strengthen you. He is always faithful to His promises.<br><br>Sheldon and Lee had a special friendship through their teen years,then enlisted together in the Navy(1951). Even though they moved to different parts of the country they remained friends, enjoying meeting at the Larrabee Reunions. Sheldon has many great memories to recall of times spent<br><br>with him.<br><br>May the Lord bless you always.<br><br>Sheldon & Leone Larrabee##imported-begin##Sheldon and Leone Larrabee##imported-end##

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“ We enjoyed getting to see Lee at the reunion this past July. I have heard stories about Lee all my life, as my father recalled so many special times he and Lee had shared. I know that he was very special to my father.<br><br>We were both sorry and surprised to hear of his passing. We hope that many fond memories you have will be a comfort to you in the coming weeks and months.<br><br>Sincerely,<br><br>Gloria and Doug Nordyke##imported-begin##Doug and Gloria Nordyke##imported-end##

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“ Lee was one of a kind and we are glad that we passed on our road of life. He will be missed. ##imported-begin##Richard & Ali McHie##imported-end##

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“ Dear Carol and Family,<br><br><br><br>Heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you and your family during your journey of mourning and acceptance of Lee's passing.<br><br><br><br>May you find comfort and peace among each other and your friends.<br><br><br><br>God bless all.<br><br><br><br>Your friend,<br><br><br><br>Dawn Olson###imported-begin##Dawn Olson###imported-end##

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“ I met Lee some years ago when I went to his and Carols house for a holiday get together with Carols brother Terry.<br><br>I instantly knew that Lee was a kind person and that he and Carol were a great couple! I am truly sorry for Carols loss of Lee. I will continue to pray that God will watch over Carol and the children and grandchildren that Lee left behind. It is so hard to lose the ones we love. Carol, I love you<br><br>Bonnie Lou###imported-begin##Bonnie Raines###imported-end##

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“ Lee will truly be missed. *½*He is one of the warmest, kindest people I've ever known. *½*Lee has a wonderful sense of humor, and his willingness to prolong a practical joke was both a delight and humorous. *½*I will always remember him smiling and grinning while my husband was telling a church-related joke... and I will think of both Lee and Carol Jane for the rest of my life on Halloween!!  
Carol, my heart aches for your loss. *½*You and Lee were certainly soul mates. *½*I know you will find comfort in knowing that Lee is in a much better and happier place. *½*You will see him again!  
Love always,  
Lori Ann (Paul and Benjamin)###imported-begin###Lori Ann Grzelak###imported-end##

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“ I worked for Carol and Lee Braford when I was in college at Olivet and Lee and Carol gave me a job at The Carol Jane Uniform Shop. *½*They were so kind to me and my young family. *½*I enjoyed Lee's sense of humor and smile when I think of the bantering back and forth that Carol and Lee would do in the Carol Jane Uniform Shop when they didn't quite see eye to eye on something! *½*Lee and Carol were a part of my successful life today and I am grateful. *½*I remember him with fondness and am so sorry to hear that he is no longer with us.  
Sincerely,  
Debi Nuzzi###imported-begin###Debi (Lee) Nuzzi###imported-end##

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“ Sometimes we go through life being so busy that we forget the "Hello how are you" and then it is time to say goodbye. My memories are that he lived a life of dignity and caring for others. Rest in Peace my friend

William C  
Garrett

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“ Dear Carol and Family;  
  
Sue and I are sending you our heart felt love and prayers to help with this difficult time. It is with our deepest sympathies; Sue and I will keep you in our prayers and thoughts and may your faith and Gods strength help you through this hard time.  
  
Love  
  
Ed and Sue  
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Edwin and Susan  
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“ Paul and I send our heartfelt sympathy to you Carol and family. We still remember Lee as a professional and honorable man. Although years have passed we visited at the mall early last year. He was always caring about others and their concerns. Our prayers are with you in consolation for his loss.

Helen & Paul  
Lee

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“ We were shocked when Jane told us of Lee's death. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. May the peace of Christ be with you now and always.

Jim & Doreen  
Piekarczyk

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“ Dear Carol, <br><br> We both were so shocked and so ver-  
<br>saddened to hear about Lee. We were <br><br>driving to FL w  
called and told<br><br>us the news. We won't be able to attend<b  
funeral but our pray and thoughts<br><br>are with you. Please tak  
of<br><br>yourself and may God watch over you and<br><br>keep yo  
was such a great guy and<br><br>we will miss him.<br><br>  
Love you Harry and Janet<br><br>  
Fitzgera  
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“ Dear Carol and family, <br><br>I don't know if you remember us  
from church or not but we were so sorry to read of your husband's  
passing.<br><br>Please know that you will be in our thoughts and  
prayers.<br><br>Wayne and Cheryl Segneri##imported-  
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