



## Leland "Lee" Ponton

December 27, 1940 - July 8, 2017

Leland "Lee" Ponton, age 76, of Papineau Township, died Saturday, July 8, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center. He was born on December 27, 1940 in Kankakee, the son of Joseph A. & Anna M. Reno Ponton.

He married Carolyn Farting in 1960 and she preceded him in death in 1996. On March 20, 2004, Lee married Betty Webster Collazo.

Leland was a retired Papineau area farmer. He had also worked at Bradley Roper. He was a former Papineau Township volunteer fireman, as well as an Iroquois County auxiliary policeman. Lee had a passion for hunting and fishing; he loved music and had various bands over the years. He was also a member of the Iroquois County Historical Society. Lee was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Beaverville.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Ponton of Papineau Township; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Gale & Rina Ponton of Donovan and Darryl & Karren Ponton of St. Anne; two daughters, Karen Rozwalka of Papineau Township and Sandy & George Wisniewski of Martinton; one step daughter-in-law, Wanda Collazo of Belleville; one step- daughter, Angela Collazo of Belleville; 14 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife, he is preceded in death by his parents; one stepson, Brian Collazo, and one stepsister, Joan McVey Floriant.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Beaverville.

Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Papineau Township.  
Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Beaverville.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

Papineau, IL

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Beaverville, IL

: (815) 435-2432

<http://www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com/>

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Just knowing Leland is a gift in life. If you didn't learn something each and every time you talked to him then you weren't listening, because he was one of the best story tellers of all times. I will miss him. Prayers and thoughts go to Betty and all family.  
Barbara and family Barbara and family*

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**Barbara Cates** - July 16, 2017 at 09:23 AM

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“ *Barbara Cates lit a candle in memory of  
Leland "Lee" Ponton*



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**Barbara Cates** - July 16, 2017 at 09:11 AM

## “ WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

*When tomorrow starts without me  
And I'm not here to see  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears for me*

*I wish you wouldn't cry  
The Way you did today  
While thinking of the many things  
We did not get to say*

*I know how much you love me  
As much as I love you  
Each time that you think of me  
I know you will miss me too*

*When tomorrow starts with out me  
Please try to understand  
That an angel came and called my name  
And took me by the hand*

*The angel said my place was ready  
In heaven far above  
And That I would have to leave behind  
All those I Dearly Love*

*But When I walked through Heaven's Gates  
I felt so much at home  
When GOD looked down and smiled at me  
From his golden throne*

*He said This Is Eternity  
And All I promised you  
Today for life on earth is done  
But Here it starts a new*

*I promise no tomorrow  
For today will always last  
And Since each day's the exact same way  
There is no longing for the past*

*So When Tomorrow starts without me  
Do not think we're apart  
For every time you think of me  
Remember I'm right here in your heart*

*Author: David M Romano*

*This is something I thought I would share with the family of Lee he was a great person to talk to always had a story to share with others . Rebecca M.Burdick*

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**Rebecca M Burdick** - July 12, 2017 at 09:36 AM

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“ *I'll miss your phone calls dear Cousin & my sister & myself will never forget that trip to the Iroquois Historical Society with Dear Cousin Sharon Emerson to view the Ponton room & to look for my mother's yearbook last October. Your loving cousins, Joanne Dailey & Tom Yates*



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**Tom Yates** - July 12, 2017 at 06:46 AM

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“ *my deepest condolence of the passing of your father and husband peggy naese caraway and katrina woodard*

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**katrina woodard** - July 11, 2017 at 04:34 PM

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“ PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY ON THE LOSS OF LELAND MAY YOU FIND COMFORT IN THE DAYS AHEAD AT THIS SAD TIME SINCERLY FRIENDS FRANKLIN E WILLIAMS SENIOR & WIFE SUE !! ST ANNE



SUE WILLIAMS - July 11, 2017 at 01:40 PM

CN

“ Celeste Noel lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Ponton



Celeste Noel - July 10, 2017 at 11:12 PM

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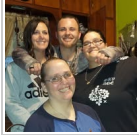
“ There couldn't have been a better friend. then Leland Ponton,i'll miss him a lot.

Leon Lackey - July 10, 2017 at 07:09 PM

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“ Will miss Leland, over 70 years of being cousins and neighbors have left many a memory in my heart! Know he is at peace now, and in no more pain.

Sharon Emerson - July 10, 2017 at 01:31 PM



“ Hugs an prayer for all the family...I remember going an hearin him play all the time...



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**Melody Andrade** - July 10, 2017 at 12:06 PM



“ Kim Stueck lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Ponton



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**Kim Stueck** - July 10, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ Thanks for all the great memories growing up as a child and treating me as your grandchild.. Rip Grandpa Leland



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**Falcon Gomez** - July 09, 2017 at 03:00 PM