



## Dean Edmond Copeland

March 13, 1921 - March 4, 2016

Dateline: Bethalto

Dean Edmond Copeland, 94, died at 7:05 a.m. Friday, March 4, 2016 at Jerseyville Manor. Born March 13, 1921 in Alton, he was the son of Joseph and Pauline (Hartman) Copeland. Mr. Copeland served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and attended Abundant Life Community Church. He retired in 1982 as Captain of the Alton Fire Department after 30 years of service. From 1983-2010 he worked for the Fosterburg Water Department. He also did farming and excavating on the side. On May 26, 1951 he married Leah "Faye" Fern Angel. She preceded him in death on August 1, 1998. He married Vida Smith on September 29, 2005. She survives. Also surviving is a son and daughter-in-law Brad and Jan Copeland of Alton, three grandchildren, Amy Copeland (Mike Abernathy) of Springfield, MO, Angela Copeland of Alton, and Allyson Copeland of Alton. He is also survived by brothers and sisters, William "Bill" Copeland (Edna) of Bethalto, Marilyn Melton of Bakersfield, CA, Roberta "Bertie" Kennett of Stanton, KY, Paul Copeland (Lois) of Alton and Anna Lee Terry of Bethalto. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Carlos and Dwayne Copeland, a sister, Ruby Harris as well as an infant sister. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2016. Pastor Roy Rhodes will officiate. Burial will be at Short Cemetery in Foster Twp. with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. Memorials may be made

to Abundant Life Community Church. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
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## Burial

MAR 9 (CT)

Short Cemetery  
Foster Twp., IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Edmond Copeland*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Dean Edmond Copeland*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Cahokia Emmanuel Assembly of God Church Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dean Edmond Copeland.*



**Cahokia Emmanuel Assembly of God Church Family - March 08, 2016 at 04:29 PM**



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dean Edmond Copeland.*



March 07, 2016 at 06:13 PM



“ *Sending my great sympathy to Uncle Bill and his family.* ”



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**Jacque Leferink** - March 06, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ *Dennis, Lynda, John, Amy and A.J. purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Dean Edmond Copeland.* ”



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**Dennis, Lynda, John, Amy and A.J.** - March 06, 2016 at 11:36 AM



“ *Mark, Sue, Chase, Alec, and Austin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dean Edmond Copeland.* ”



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**Mark, Sue, Chase, Alec, and Austin** - March 05, 2016 at 05:54 PM

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“ *Being the oldest of Uncle Dean's nieces & nephews, I had the pleasure of having him in my life the most years. When I was small, he'd sometimes act gruff & I'd be frightened. But it didn't take me long to realize he had a heart of gold. One of my earliest memories was kneeling nightly with my Mother to pray for Uncle Dean's safety (as well as Uncle Bill) during WWII.*

*I was blessed to have this wonderful & Godly man as my uncle for almost 77 years. I love you, Uncle Dean.*

*..... Ruth Harris Redd*

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**Ruth Redd** - March 05, 2016 at 02:28 PM