



Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr.

March 19, 1936 - March 31, 2026

Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr., age 90, of Hughesville, Maryland, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at Calvert Health Center in Prince Frederick, Maryland, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on March 19, 1936, Pete was the son of the late Anthony Francis Pontorno and Columbia D. Pontorno. He attended St. Theresa's School in Anacostia, where he met the love of his life, Joanne "Jo" Pontorno. Together, they built a beautiful life centered on faith, music, and a deep devotion to family.

Pete worked for many years as a Gradall Operator with Delta Rental Company in Washington, D.C. His passion for his work never faded—so much so that even after retirement, he eagerly took every opportunity he could to operate a Gradall. Eventually settling in Maryland, Pete and Jo created a home filled with love and laughter. They celebrated an extraordinary seventy-two years of marriage in September, a testament to their enduring bond and unwavering commitment to one another.

Known affectionately as "PopPop" to his extended family, Pete was a guiding light to all who knew him. He found his greatest joy when surrounded by loved ones, often singing, dancing, and spreading his contagious happiness. He believed life was meant to be celebrated, and he never missed a chance to yodel for his grandchildren. Pete enjoyed swimming, exercising, fishing,

working in his yard, and helping others whenever he could. He was also a devoted fan of Washington Redskins football and Maryland Terrapins basketball.

Pete is survived by his devoted wife, Jo Pontorno and seven of his eight children: Anthony Pontorno (Joe Purdy), the late Mark (Deborah) Pontorno, Debbie (Jimmy) Baucom, Jimmy (Mary) Pontorno, Pete Pontorno Jr., Paul (Renée) Pontorno, Tina (John) Donaldson, and Chris (Michelle) Pontorno. He leaves behind the legacy of nineteen grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; beloved son, Mark Steven Pontorno; and his brother, Gervasio "Jim" Pontorno.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Friday, April 17, 2026, from 2 PM to 4 PM and 6 PM to 8 PM, with prayers at 7 PM, at Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 10 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 13715 Notre Dame Place, Bryantown, Maryland. Pallbearers will be David Proctor, Brandon Baucom, Vincent Pontorno, Nicholas Pontorno, Dominic Pontorno, Andrew Pontorno, Matt Weaver, Josh Pontorno, and Jacob Pontorno.

A private interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to CJD Foundation 3634 W. Market St., Suite 110, Akron, OH 44333 or online at <https://cjdfoundation.org/> or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at <https://www.stjude.org/donate>.

Donate by Phone: +1-800-805-5856.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service , P.A.
5635 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646

Visitation

APR 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Prayers at 07:00 PM.

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Bryantown Catholic Church
13715 Notre Dame Place
Bryantown, MD 20617

Tribute Wall

XD

“ Xoxo, Rachel and Dimitre purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..



Xoxo, Rachel and Dimitre - April 17 at 11:24 AM

JK

“ Joseph/Teresa Kubala&Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..



Joseph/Teresa Kubala&Family - April 16 at 04:06 PM

AW

“ Amanda W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..

Amanda W. - April 16 at 03:41 PM

KL

“ Kimberly L. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..



Kimberly L. - April 16 at 09:49 AM

MF

“ MedVanta Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..

MedVanta Family - April 16 at 09:00 AM

MF

“ MedVanta Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..



MedVanta Family - April 16 at 09:00 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..



April 15 at 08:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..

April 15 at 08:05 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..*



April 15 at 04:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..

April 15 at 04:23 PM



“ *Gladys Bruce and Sons purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..*



Gladys Bruce and Sons - April 15 at 09:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..

April 15 at 08:03 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..*



April 15 at 08:03 AM

LK

“ Love, Brian & Vickie Kanyan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..



Love, Brian & Vickie Kanyan - April 13 at 05:24 PM

RP

“ Rosemarie Lenoir & Richard Paneck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..

Rosemarie Lenoir & Richard Paneck - April 12 at 06:21 PM

RP

“ Rosemarie Lenoir & Richard Paneck purchased the Delightful Decadence Gift Basket for the family of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..



Rosemarie Lenoir & Richard Paneck - April 12 at 06:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Peter Joseph "Pete" Pontorno Sr..



April 09 at 08:56 PM

MP

“ Having Pete as my brother in law was the second best thing that happened to me after my husband Jim, his brother. There were so many wonderful times. The brothers are together again watching over us. Prayers and love to the family. Mary Beth Pontorno.

Mary Beth Pontorno - April 09 at 08:47 PM

KL

“ Love and Prayers for all of the Pontorno family!! 🙏🙏🙏

Kathleen S Leighty - April 09 at 11:25 AM

DG

“ I have so many memories with the whole family. Mr P was like a 2nd father to me, his laughter and smile were very contagious. He will be greatly missed. The love he and Mrs P showed to everyone that walked through their door will be forever remembered. My thoughts and prayers to all.

Dolores Garner - April 08 at 08:51 AM

KF

“ Mr. Pontorno you are one of my favorite people. (and Mrs. P) i have known you and your family a long time and hold some awesome memories. Say hi to Dad for me. Fly high and reast easy. ❤️❤️❤️
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Kim Fuller-Reshetar - April 07 at 07:11 PM

KF

Rest easy.

Kim Fuller-Reshetar - April 07 at 07:12 PM