



## Donald R. Porter

February 4, 1943 - May 10, 2022

Donald R. Porter, 79, of Rush County, passed away at his home on May 10, 2022. He was born February 4, 1943 in New Castle to Willard C. & Martha M. (Bell) Porter Barton. Don was educated in both Knightstown and Rushville, both formally and through an open minded curiosity that led him to explore the natural world around him. He was a 1961 graduate of Rushville High School, and carried his love of the natural world to a Bachelor's degree in Earth sciences and a Master's degree in Education at Ball State University.

He married Roberta G. (Hammontree) Porter on June 10, 1967 in Logansport, Indiana, with a loving union of 48 years that lasted until her death in 2015.

Don was a retired public school teacher with Rush County Schools, with three decades of experience teaching social sciences at the middle and high school levels, as well as many years of coaching the cross country and track teams. He spoke eloquently in honor of our Nation's veterans at many public events, out of respect and love for his own father's service and sacrifice as well as for the many great men and women that helped raise him.

Don is survived by his sons and their families, Donald G. Porter & wife Marian of Knoxville, MD, Robert C. "Chuck" Porter & wife Susanna of Unadilla, NE and Bradley S. Porter of Boulder, CO; grandchildren, Riley & Emma Porter and Matthew, Jennifer & Kimberly Porter; and sisters Rebecca McCormick of Charleston, SC, Regina Cummings of Columbus, IN, and Susan & Elton Halcomb of Rushville, IN, sisters-in-law, Ednamae Bowman, Karen Skelton, Sandy Spencer & Lynda Warner and many loving nieces, nephews, and

cousins.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, step father, F. Randall Barton, in-laws, Robert C. "Bob" & Geneva Hammontree, brother-in-law, Robert C. "Chuck" Hammontree, his brother, Melvin Barton and nephew, Matthew Halcomb.

Services will be held at 10 AM Friday, May 20, 2022 in Moster Mortuary, Rushville where friends may visit the family from 4-8 PM Thursday, May 19. Burial will be in the Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Thank a teacher Fund thru the Rush County Community Foundation or thru USLA Bank to the Matthew E. Halcomb trust fund that was established to help care for Don's great nieces. If you're not feeling well, please stay home. We will be livestreaming the service. You can access the livestream at [mostermortuary.com](http://mostermortuary.com) by simply visiting the Donald R. Porter tribute and clicking on the video icon.

# Cemetery Details

## Glen Cove Cemetery

Knightstown, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary  
334 N. Main  
Rushville, IN

## Service

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Moster Mortuary  
334 N. Main  
Rushville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Moster Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Donald R. Porter*



**Moster Mortuary** - May 20, 2022 at 09:27 AM

KA

*Beautiful service Donald Sons done a great job in honoring their Dad.*

**Kathleen** - May 20, 2022 at 11:15 AM

RM

*This brought back so many memories to cherish! Don, Chuck, and Brad, you guys did an awesome job I know your dad would be so proud of you!! Love you all!!!*

**Rhonda Maupin** - May 20, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *Donald R. Porter*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM

SG

“ *St. Johns UCC and St. Johns Youth Group purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald R. Porter.*



**St. Johns UCC and St. Johns Youth Group** - May 18, 2022 at 03:15 PM

KP

“ *Donnie was a wonderful cousin I enjoyed our times together in our teen years we seen a lot of each other until he moved to Rushville and started going to school there he will be greatly missed*

Kathleen Powell - May 17, 2022 at 01:55 PM

VH

“ *To the Porter family, please accept my condolences for your loss. Vicktoria Hizer-Rizvi*

Vicktoria Hizer-Rizvi - May 15, 2022 at 09:56 PM

RC

“ *RON D CAMERON lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Porter*



RON D CAMERON - May 15, 2022 at 08:29 AM

CN

“ *Chuck & Jane Niccum lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Porter*



Chuck & Jane Niccum - May 14, 2022 at 10:53 AM

MK

“ *Melody Kaster lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Porter*



Melody Kaster - May 13, 2022 at 04:11 PM

KB

“ *Chuck and Boo, sending my love and hugs.*

Kristi Burcham - May 13, 2022 at 12:17 PM

BN

“ *Sorry to hear about Don. We've lost another great classmate of 1961*

Bill/Vickey Nunn - May 12, 2022 at 03:27 PM

RC

“ *RON D. CAMERON lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Porter*



RON D. CAMERON - May 12, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald R. Porter.*



May 12, 2022 at 01:37 PM

DG

“ *Dave & Karen Garau lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Porter*



Dave & Karen Garau - May 12, 2022 at 12:00 PM

BN

“ *Brian and Kim Zech and Family, Nebraska purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Donald R. Porter.*



Brian and Kim Zech and Family, Nebraska - May 12, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ *Gable Gift Box was purchased for the family of Donald R. Porter.*



May 11, 2022 at 10:45 PM