



Maurice D. Porter

February 13, 2016

Porter, Maurice D "Maury" age 93, died at home on Saturday, February 13, 2016 after a long and valiant battle with cancer.

Born in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, Maury grew up in Maine graduating from South Portland. He had a love for flying and as soon as he was able he joined the Army Air Corp serving as a B-17 pilot. He was shot down over Germany, wounded and finished the war in prison camp.

Following the war, he completed his education and went on to become a successful business man serving as Vice President and manager of the Hicks Company manufacturer of guided missiles. In 1963, he built his first Holiday Inn in Hagerstown, Maryland. He joined the association and in 1971-1972 was named International President of the Association of Holiday Inns.

He married Joan in 1948 and they spent the next 68 ½ years together. They have two sons John and Robert. Maury and Joan lived in several locations before finally having homes in Tequesta, FL and Williamsburg, VA.

Maury loved the Lord and his country. After retirement he spent his life spreading God's word. He was a founding member of the Jupiter First Church. He taught Sunday school and was an active supporter of Campus Crusade for Christ. In his 70's he became involved in the Kairos Prison Ministry and spent the next 20 years taking and spreading the word of Christ to convicted felons

in the Virginia prison system. He touched so many men with little hope, showing them a different way of life. They are now spreading the word throughout the prison system.

Maury was predeceased by his mother and father Geneva and Lawrence and his two brothers Norman and Glendon. He is survived by his wife Joan of Tequesta, Two sons, John and his wife, Ellen of Chesapeake, Va., and Robert and partner Elena of Virginia Beach, Va. Four grandchildren, Erin Porter of Walkerton, Va., Ashley Adkins and husband Craig of New York, NY, John "JW" of Smithtown, NY , and Bryn Dugre and husband Neal of Houston, TX and three great grandchildren as well as his beloved Jack Russell, Samantha.

A memorial Service will be held on February 27, 2016 at 2:00 at Jupiter First Church, 1475 Indian Creek Parkway, Jupiter, FL. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Maury's honor to Urban Youth Impact, 2823 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407. For directions or online condolences visit www.taylorandmodeen.com

Tribute Wall



“ Maurice D. Porter

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ I remember his kindness, gentleness and his strong Christian spirit. For all his success, he remained humble and willing to share his time and talents with others. I just heard about his death, so this is very late, but I wanted to express my condolences to Joan and family.

Kit Bradshaw - Longwood, FL - August 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Maury, Joan and Sam are our wonderful friends. We met at Fords' Colony in Williamsburg, VA about 1993 We discovered that Maury built a Holiday Inn in Chambersburg, Pa. after he tried to get a hotel room with no success. He financed the Inn with Valley Bank and knew the same banker that helped us build our home there in 1965. He was our tour director for our group of 13 golfers to Scotland about 1995. His team always won! He was loved by all his friends and is a true inspiration to everyone.

Marylou and Dick Stader - Frederick,, MD - Friend - February 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will hold very fond memories of my friend Maury, and our Saturday mornings. Maury, Joan, Sam and I loved having smoothies at Aromas and then checking out the Farmers Market. Joan, I think of you often and look for the time that we will be able to see each other again. Love you lots.

Joan Emerson - Williamsburg, VA - Friend - February 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Maury was a warrior for Jesus and a dear friend. I shared many wonderful years listening to his wisdom in Sunday School. His POW testimony on audio helped another friend during his terminal ill journey with own cancer and he actually passed in peace while listening to Maury's audio. I will be retiring from the Navy with 36 years of service and was truly hoping that Maury could share in my ceremony on May 3, 2016. I am saddened by his passing and will miss his presence. He was a comrade besides a friend and fellow Christian. I am thankful to have known him and he will be missed by everyone he has touched. With much love and admiration for this great man.

Darla Krupski - Yorktown, VA - Friend - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Porter was my mentor and friend!. I have been a PGA member 33 years and at my current position as General Manager/Director of Golf at Council Fire for the past 25 years. I came here from the Turtle Creek Club in Tequesta Florida and was the assistant there when the head professional left. Mr. Porter was the Golf Chairman and on the Board of Directors when this occurred. He supported my promotion to the head professional position even though I was not the most qualified candidate and(unknown to me at the time) was very instrumental in me receiving this promotion. He serve as my boss for his remaining 2 years on the Board. He mentored and supported me through all the challenges that came in my new role and allowed let me fall and make my mistakes and I fell often but never would allow me to hurt myself:)) He continued to be my biggest supporter over the next 6 years. When my current position became available I lean on him for guidance and feed back on this opportunity. After much discussion he agreed that this move was best for me professionally and personally to take this position. I have been the only Golf professional at Council Fire and attribute any of my success to his mentoring and support. What a great friend he was! Although we mourn his loss we all are happy he is no longer in pain. I also know he hits now all his drive straight and makes all his putts! Thank you so much Mr. Porter for the lives you have touched especially mine!
Hunt Gilliland

Hunt Gilliland - Chattanooga, TN - Friend - February 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM