



## Billy Carlyle Porter Jr

November 17, 1953 - November 29, 2020

Billy Carlyle Porter, Jr, 67, of Decatur, passed away on November 29, 2020 at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield, surrounded by his family.

Billy was born November 17, 1953 in Taylorville, the son of Billy C. and Marian Jeanette Davis Porter, Sr. Billy married Connie Watkins on January 26, 1973 in Lovington. Connie survives. Billy is also survived by his mother: Marian Bryant; son: William (Jamie Zientara) Porter of Decatur; daughters: Marian (Mark) Eckart of Decatur; Bilinda (Kelley Woodard) Porter of Decatur; grandchildren: Cierra (Koleton) Howell, Wade, Shaylee, and Skylar Davis; 7 great-grandchildren; several siblings also survive. Billy was preceded in death by his father, and step-father Lyle E. Nichol.

Billy was the owner of Porter & Company, General Contractors. He was previously the plant supervisor at Kelly Potato Chips. He also worked at ADM for a number of years. He enjoyed fishing, spending time with family, telling stories, and working. His great-grandchildren were his pride and joy, with his first great-grandson being named after him.

A celebration of Billy's life will be held at a later date. Cremation rites have been accorded to Billy. The family has entrusted Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, Decatur with funeral arrangements. Please view his obituary, and share memories and condolences at <http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>

# Comments

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“ Lots of great memories of Bill, Jim and I so enjoyed our visits with him and Connie. Especially the ones where they just popped in ,set on the porch and listen to his childhood memories. We got to meet his children and grandchildren last year at our family party. You are all always welcomed at our home. Jim and I will miss our visits with Bill. Hugs and prayers for Connie and there family. Love Jim & Jane Davis

**Jane Davis** - December 05, 2020 at 05:50 PM

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“ So sad to hear this news. He was a good person. My dad, Herman Porter, enjoyed visiting with him. Prayers are being sent to his family and friends. May the God of all comfort give you peace.

Hugs and Prayers,  
Kim Porter

**Kim Porter** - December 04, 2020 at 09:54 AM

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“ Billy Carlyle Porter was my first born child he was always so much fun when he was little His grandpa an grandma Davis helped me raise him and he was such a happy boy . He was very gifted with ability to Do anything he wanted to dyin. Learned a trade and taught others to learn to have jobs and be able to support their families. He gave his time so others could to be able to survive . Hard working man he became . Great father and grandfather . He loved to fish and take his children an grandchildren with him . You could feel the love he had for them when he talked to about them . So many precious memories in his life’s journey. Love you Billy Carlyle Porter your mother .  
Marian J. Bryant

Marian Bryant - December 01, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ My cousin Bill & wife Connie & I have enjoyed several weddings & family gatherings together. Connie & I danced till we couldn't anymore & then we talked till we were hoarse. That's how it is with family trying to squeeze in time amongst all the business of daily life. I am grateful to have gotten reconnected. Bill constantly told me of his family. How grateful he was for his 3 children...his grandchildren...& his great grands. Bill held Connie in his heart....telling me he didn't know how she did everything for him & the family...but she did & he didn't know what he would do without her. Bill & I spoke about life beyond here & that God is always with us no matter what....that all we need is to ask & comfort...or strength...forgiveness...& love are all there. I will miss our visits....until we are together in Heaven. You know I love you Bill & your family.

Laura Davis Mentzer - December 04, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ I sure am missing you papa



Cierra Howell - December 01, 2020 at 09:45 PM



“ Cynthia Denton lit a candle in memory of Billy Carlyle Porter Jr



**Cynthia Denton** - November 30, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ Thanks Cindi love you Mother . Love and miss him . My son Billy style Porter

**Marian** - December 01, 2020 at 09:55 PM