



Porter John Womeldorff

April 27, 2020

Porter John Womeldorff passed away peacefully on April 27th, 2020. He had just reached age 87.

Porter is survived by his wife Marilyn, two sons Mike, who resides in Decatur, IL and John whose family resides in Chicago with his wife Shauna and Porter's grandson, Daniel. He is also survived by his sister Orra Lee Meyer of Michigan and her 4 children.

Porter was a studious young man which inspired a lifelong love of learning. He attended the University of Illinois to study Electrical Engineering and graduated with honors in 1954. His name is inscribed on a bronze table amongst the top 3% of graduates at the university. He remained involved at the university eventually acting as the President of the Engineering Alumni Association. Four decades after his graduation, the School of Engineering honored him as a distinguished alumnus.

He was a voracious reader with walls of shelves in his home lined with the hundreds of books he had read in his lifetime.

Porter was a 40 plus year employee and then retiree of Illinois Power Company. His career was a demonstration of his commitment and consistency having joined the company after his time in the Army and working at one company until he retired.

Underpinning work and family and other interest was his faith. It took different forms throughout his life. He proudly represented his local United Methodist church at regional and national conferences. He was a lay speaker both in the church and at other locations including a local retirement home. Porter was trained and took joy from his role in the Stephen's ministry. He continued teaching bible studies well into his 80's.

Porter was a man who touched many lives through his personal and professional interactions. He will truly be missed.

Due to the risks of gathering in groups due to the Coronavirus, there will not be a memorial service. Because he died from Covid 19, memorials can be made to <https://www.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus>.

The Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Porter. Condolences may be left to his family at <http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com>.

Comments



“ Marilyn, In trying to reach Porter I learned of his passing in 2020. My outreach had to do with intuitive connections of Porter & Chuck Doak with 1st century personalities re. an historical fiction book of mine based on tomb & ossuary discoveries in South Jerusalem. If you want to reach out to my email, I will try to explain what is a very complex project of archeology & storytelling, & how it may connect with Porter.

My best to you & the family, & with fond AKA memories,

Larry Kettelkamp
bookartsandmusic@comcast.net

Larry Kettelkamp - February 25 at 05:27 PM



“ Porter was a pillar of our Annual conference for years and years. Besides being the resident expert on Robert's Rules of order, he was a good man with a clear sense of right and wrong! I pray for comfort and hope and blessed memories for each day as it comes to all of his family and dearest friends.

Rev. Linda Richard - May 25, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by the news of Porter's death. Decatur, Illinois Power, and the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of The United Methodist Church have lost a faithful leader who provided wisdom and guidance with grace and compassion. We shared many good times with Porter and Marilyn at several United Methodist General, Jurisdictional and Annual Conferences over the years. Our memories are fond and run deep. May many gifts of God's peace and comfort abide with Marilyn and family.

Howard and Judy Daughenbaugh

Howard Daughenbaugh - May 25, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with Porter on a number of projects for The United Methodist Church conference. He was always extremely helpful and kind! I especially remember the training he provided for many of us on the effective use of DayTimers - I still use mine today. Porter had many skills and he used them well to serve God. I would say Rest In Peace -- but if there is work to be done in heaven, I am sure Porter is doing his share!

Dr. Alan Newhall - May 25, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ Marilyn, I am so sorry to hear about the death of Porter. May the many good years you spent together be precious memories to help you in the future. God bless.

Nancy Cassidy

Nancy J. Cassidy - May 05, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ My condolences and prayers for the Womeldorff family. May GOD comfort you and provide for you in days ahead.

Melba Yadon

Melba Yadon - May 04, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ Marilyn, John, and Mike

On behalf of Judy and myself, I want to extend our deepest sympathy to you and to the members of your family.

My friendship with Porter goes back 50 years. In addition to being a great friend, Porter was certainly one of the most intelligent and interesting individuals that I have ever known. He will be missed.

Our best to you all.

Bob Judy Kruep

Robert D. Kruep - May 03, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Dear Marilyn and sons of Porter
I am truly sorry to hear of Porter's death. I talk about you both so much and share with my Bible study groups the things I learned from Porter and you. What a wonderful time we had together at this study. I really learned so much. Then aside from that we had a lovely friendship and that has a special meaning to me. Porter and I often talked about my son who has a Phd. from Johns Hopkins U. in Electrical Eng. and now is on their faculty and engrossed in helping solve this terrible virus. Just know that I am with you in my thoughts and prayers and have wonderful memories of you both. My Bud passed away in 2014. Perhaps they are now together chatting about engineering. Bud was Mechanical and always told me that the wheel came first.
After things settle down for you I will write a long letter.
Blessings and prayers for you and the family - MARY DAHBURA

Mary Dahbura - May 03, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ We were neighbors of Marilyn and Porter before their move to the Chicago area. We enjoyed their friendship and shared an interest in flowers. Our sympathy goes out to Marilyn and their sons.

Roger & Claudia Metzger - May 03, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ our condolences to Marilyn and the sons on Porter's passing. I always enjoyed speaking with him during our time togetherpeace and love to each of you

terry howley - May 02, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ OH MY GOODNESS...where to start about the great guy Porter was...a friend to so many and our Bible Study leader/teacher for so many years...they say the only thing you can take with you when you leave this world is the good you have left behind and Porter sure left lots....he sure loved Mike and John and his wife and for sure his little red head..

jeris - May 02, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ To the entire family and especially to Marilyn and sons..

My thoughts go out to you all and I'm so sad to hear of Porter's passing. I send my condolences to all of you. So sorry beyond words. Porter was a very nice person and seemed so full of life with the times I got to visit. He and my mother Linda Nelson -his cousin always seemed to have great visits. My best to you all.

Lisa Stocks Schofield

Lisa Schofield - May 01, 2020 at 09:52 PM