



## Robert "Bob" Custer Porter

August 22, 1940 - March 26, 2019

Robert "Bob" Custer Porter, age 78, of Claypool Hill, VA passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 in Richlands, VA.

Bob was born on August 22, 1940 in Tazewell County, VA and was the son of the late Robert C. Porter, Sr. and Lillian Birkelbach Porter. He was a graduate of Tazewell High School and was a Veteran of the U.S. Army serving during Vietnam. Bob retired as a District Circulation Manager from the Bluefield Daily Telegraph after 43 years. He enjoyed hunting, watching football and playing golf. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Richlands, VA and was a lifelong resident of the area. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Catherine French; grandparents, William and Virginia Porter; and William and Mary Birkelbach; special aunt and uncle, Grace and John Porter.

He is survived by:

His wife of 53 years, Brenda Craig Porter of Claypool Hill, VA

Daughter, Beth Parks and husband, George of Bristol, VA; granddaughter, Kimberly Parks of Charlottesville, VA

Son, Jeff Porter of Murfreesboro, TN

Brother and Best Friend, William Witten Porter and wife, Linda of Dumfries, VA

Nephew, Michael Porter and wife, Michelle of Fredericksburg, VA, their children, Hannah and Drew

Niece, Amy Miller and husband, Jeff of Dumfries, VA, their children, Nathan and Cole

First Cousins, George Birkelbach of Bluefield, WV; Charles Keith Birkelbach of Beckley, WV

Mother-in-law, Virginia Craig; sister-in-law, Judy Craig of Steelsburg, VA

Brother-in-law, Wayne Craig of Richlands, VA

Funeral services for Robert "Bob" Custer Porter will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 29, 2019 at First United Methodist Church in Richlands, VA with Rev. Tkach and Joe Blair McGlothlin officiating. Interment will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Tazewell, VA. Pallbearers will be Jim Hammond, Richard Lindsey, Honorable Jim Doak, Gene Hearl, Dairel Bobbitte, Dr. Tony Lotito, Honorable John P. Boggess, George Birkelbach and Joe Blair McGlothlin. Honorary pallbearers will be Charles Keith Birkelbach, Don Dunford, Gene Joyce, Peggy King, Jo Jones, Roger Pike, Jack Hawks, Rex Cole, Danny Cochran, Amoth Hayes, Lonzo Crouse, Larry Davis, Lonnie Davis, Bill Sizemore, Terry Wess, Joe Perry, Jr., Jerry McReynolds, Troy Ross and Doug Laforce. The family will receive friends from 6-9 on Thursday evening at Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, VA. Members of the Casey-Short VFW Post #9640 will conduct military graveside rites. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church; 402 Suffolk

Ave; Richlands, VA 24641. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements. Those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Maplewood Cemetery

Maplewood Lane  
Tazewell, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home  
1401 2nd Street  
Richlands, VA 24641  
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Custer Porter*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Robert "Bob" Custer Porter*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Brother Bob Porter, A good man. A good neighbor. Love you Brother, you will be missed.  
Love, thoughts and prayers to your family, if you need anything please don't hesitate to call on us!*

**Rick Herald** - March 29, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ *Brenda and family, so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*



**Alice and Jack Pyott** - March 29, 2019 at 11:40 AM

KS

“ *Brenda*  
*I am so very sorry to hear about Bob's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you, your children and all of the family.*  
*Love and hugs*  
*Kim Grimsley Smith*



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**Kim Grimsley Smith** - March 28, 2019 at 10:09 PM

CW

“ *Brenda, Beth, and Jeff,*  
*Bob was a true friend, one who will always bring a pleasant memory. I hope that soon the grief of losing him a memory will evoke a smile rather than a tear.*  
*Charlie Warner*

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**Charlie Warner** - March 28, 2019 at 12:40 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Custer Porter.*



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March 27, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Custer Porter.*



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March 27, 2019 at 02:06 PM

JR

“ John And Wendy Joyce Reedy lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Custer Porter



John and Wendy Joyce Reedy - March 27, 2019 at 11:17 AM

CE

“ Cindi P Estep sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert "Bob" Custer Porter



Cindi P Estep - March 27, 2019 at 10:47 AM

CE

Bob was a wonderful friend to my Dad....He always wore a smile...We will miss you Bob!

Cindi P Estep - March 27, 2019 at 10:48 AM

EH

“ EVELYN HESS lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Custer Porter



EVELYN HESS - March 26, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ Bob Porter was one of the finest people we have ever known. It would be wonderful if each of us could be like Bob and always have a smile, even at the darkest hour, a positive attitude, and share our witness for Jesus Christ, as he did with joy. He was a loyal and true friend to Eli throughout the years and during his illness. He always took time for him, and we will never forget it.

*Bob was so proud of his family and spoke so sweetly about his and Brenda's marriage of over 50 years.*

*He will be missed but never forgotten.*

*Jo Jones and Family*

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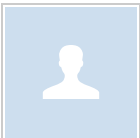
**Jo Jones** - March 26, 2019 at 08:53 PM



*Sending love and prayers.  
Love,  
Don and Almeta Rose*

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**Meta Rose** - March 27, 2019 at 07:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Custer Porter.




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March 26, 2019 at 08:27 PM

EM

“ Elizabeth Magruder purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Custer Porter.



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**Elizabeth Magruder** - March 26, 2019 at 07:49 PM

CF

“ Carol Fuller lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Custer Porter



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**Carol Fuller** - March 26, 2019 at 04:21 PM