



## Millard "Buddy" Douglas Porter

September 16, 1944 - August 29, 2022

Millard Douglas "Buddy" Porter, age 77, of Woodville, Florida, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, August 29, 2022. Buddy was born to John Reddin Porter, Jr., and Ruby Irene (Raines) Porter on September 16, 1944, in Jackson County, Florida.

Buddy is survived by his children Trenda McPherson (Robert) and Brenda Porter Lovett, and Bradley Porter (Kimberly); grandchildren Holly Hill (Adam), Jessica Lopez (Alejandro), Dixie Sumner (Kyle), Harold "Jimmy" McPherson (Amber), Lance Tucker Lovett, and Cole Porter; great-grandchildren, Alec Hill, Amethyst McPherson, and Dawson Sumner; brother Charles Porter, and sister Debra Cricco (Jeff), as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Buddy was preceded in death by his parents, sister Carolyn Butler and her husband Charles "Chuck" Butler, sister Regina Sims and her husband William "Billy" Sims, and grandchildren Amanda Marie Dodson, Robert "Robby" McPherson, III, and Lauren Elaine Porter.

After joining the U.S. Army, he married Nancy Elaine Bennett on January 7, 1963. They were blessed with three children during their marriage. He and his family traveled across the southeast as he mastered his trade by working as a gas line plumber and construction worker. His young family settled in

Tallahassee in the fall of 1971. He later started his own business, Porter Drywall, where he worked until he retired.

Buddy loved fishing and his family and friends. Each of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren held a special place in his heart. He went fishing as often as he could, including in his final days. When he wasn't on the water, he could typically be found visiting with family and friends or mentoring people recovering from alcoholism or addiction. His involvement in Alcoholics Anonymous not only changed his life, it offered him an opportunity to fellowship with and be a resource to others.

He knew Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was a kind and giving father and friend. Everyone who knew Buddy, loved him. He will be greatly missed.

Services to honor his life will be held at 10:00am, Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road, Tallahassee, FL, followed by interment at 12:00pm at Tallahassee National Cemetery, 5015 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee, FL.

The family appreciates all of the messages, calls, and outpouring of love that has been shown and asks for your continued thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

Todd Walquist, of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)), is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

## Graveside Service

SEP 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery  
5015 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32311

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Millard "Buddy" Douglas Porter*



Bevis Funeral Home - September 06, 2022 at 08:53 AM



“ *Brenda, you are the only one of Buddy's family that I know. Trena just sent me a message that he passed away last month. I had no idea and I am so sorry. As I read the obituary I realized that everyone loved him just like a did. He was sweet and kind and I am glad that I had the opportunity to be his friend. He was such a good man. I hate that I missed the service. I was recovering from surgery and probably wouldn't have been able to attend. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. .*

*Sheila Tucker Peace*

Sheila Tucker Peace - September 24, 2022 at 06:18 PM



“ *Michele Smart lit a candle in memory of Millard "Buddy" Douglas Porter*



Michele Smart - September 23, 2022 at 12:42 PM

MS

*Buddy was a good man; he was always smiling and was kind. He will be missed.*

**Michele Smart** - September 23, 2022 at 12:45 PM

MW

“ *The first time we met Buddy at his grandsons birthday party he embraced Madisyn and I like we were family and he knew us forever. It was so comforting! Such a special man that we did not get enough time to spend with but he will live on through his children and I look forward to hearing many stories from his beautiful daughter and my great friend, Trendera. Our love always, Melissa and Madisyn*

**Melissa W** - September 05, 2022 at 04:00 PM



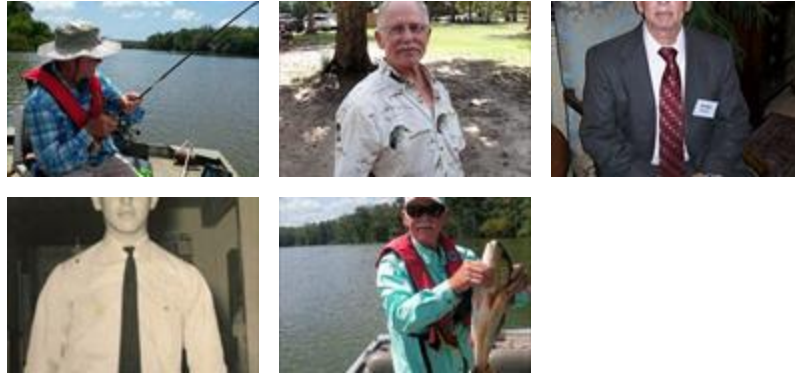
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Millard "Buddy" Douglas Porter.*



September 05, 2022 at 08:51 AM

BP

“ 12 files added to the album Buddy



Brenda Porter - September 04, 2022 at 02:09 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Millard "Buddy" Douglas Porter.



September 03, 2022 at 02:07 AM

MF

“ I was so sorry to hear about Buddy. We met close to 35 years ago and have been friends ever since. Buddy was always the gentleman and just a real sweetheart. He was the same every time you saw him---what you saw was real and honest! Such a calming spirit about him which I always admired. Rest in peace sweet man. You've left a lot of people with wonderful memories of you and are saddened by your passing. My love to you and your family.



Mary Ulrich and Family - September 02, 2022 at 10:51 PM

BP

*Thank you for your kind words.*

**Brenda Porter** - September 04, 2022 at 02:19 AM

PZ

“ *Your Daddy loved you guys to the core. He touched a lot of people in the most special way. I will miss his smile and gentle spirit. When I see him in heaven, I will hug him and remind him that... he still owes me a pony. Bless his heart. 😊*



**Pamela Zunk** - September 02, 2022 at 09:55 PM

BP

*Thank you, Pam. Make him keep his promise!*

**Brenda Porter** - September 04, 2022 at 02:20 AM

CB

“ *Charles & Sharon Bodiford lit a candle in memory of Millard "Buddy" Douglas Porter*



**Charles & Sharon Bodiford** - September 02, 2022 at 07:38 PM

CB

“ *Charles & Sharon Bodiford lit a candle in memory of Millard "Buddy" Douglas Porter*



**Charles & Sharon Bodiford** - September 02, 2022 at 07:36 PM

MH

“ *Mary Hatcher lit a candle in memory of Millard "Buddy" Douglas Porter*



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**Mary Hatcher** - September 02, 2022 at 05:36 PM

PT

“ *Pat Bodiford, Pam Howard, Tracy Trull purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Millard "Buddy" Douglas Porter.*



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**Pat Bodiford, Pam Howard, Tracy Trull** - September 02, 2022 at 02:07 PM

PB

“ *Pat Trull Bodiforx lit a candle in memory of Millard "Buddy" Douglas Porter*



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**Pat Trull Bodiforx** - September 02, 2022 at 01:53 PM

PB

*I'm so sorry to learn of Buddy passing away. It wasn't that long ago that I ran into him and had a nice talk. He surely loved his children.*

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**Pat Trull Bodiford** - September 02, 2022 at 02:01 PM

BP

*Thank you, Pat.*

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**Brenda Porter** - September 04, 2022 at 02:22 AM

JB

“ Uncle Buddy will surely be missed. Hope he's in Heaven enjoying Granny Ruby's Biscuits, Carolyn's Greens and Jean's Cake. Drew has surely shown him all Heaven's good fishing holes. Big love to Trenda, Brenda and Brad.  
We love y'all.  
Julie, Kendall and Justin Butler

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**Julie Butler** - September 01, 2022 at 04:27 PM

BP

*Thank you. I know they're glad to be together again!*

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**Brenda Porter** - September 04, 2022 at 02:24 AM

GS

“ Glenda Sumner lit a candle in memory of Millard "Buddy" Douglas Porter



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**Glenda Sumner** - September 01, 2022 at 11:50 AM

GS

*OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON YOUR LOSS. PRAYERS FOR COMFORT AND PEACE. HARMON AND GLENDA SUMNER*

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**Glenda Sumner** - September 01, 2022 at 11:53 AM

BP

*Thank you*

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**Brenda Porter** - September 04, 2022 at 02:24 AM

DO

*Buddy had been on my mind recently, and I just reached out to him today on FB not knowing that he had passed. How heartbreaking to learn that the world has lost his gentle ways and that smile. Even though we hadn't seen each other for the past many years, I still considered him a good friend. He will be sorely missed. Prayers for peace and comfort for you kids. Dana (formerly Pardue) Oakes*

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**Dana Oakes** - September 21, 2022 at 01:13 AM

SH

*Brenda I just loved Buddy. He was one of the sweetest men I have ever known. He was always smiling and friendly. Will miss him at our get together. RIP Buddy  
Love you Bren  
Shirley*

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**Shirley Harvey** - October 03, 2022 at 09:51 AM