



William "Bill" B. Porter

February 15, 1954 - August 22, 2024

William "Bill" B. Porter, Tallahassee, Florida, passed away at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital on August 22, 2024. He was 70 years old.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, Roy and Evelyn Porter, and an older brother, John Porter. He is survived by sisters, Constance "Connie" Porter of Jacksonville and Martha Crabb of Tallahassee, and brother David Porter (Jeanie) of Gainesville, Florida. He is also survived by Bella, his beloved border collie.

The family of Bill Porter would like to extend our thanks to his partner, Liz Jameson, for her loving companionship and care she provided to him. We are grateful that she has taken his faithful border collie Bella and given her a loving home.

Bill was the youngest of five children born to Roy and Evelyn Porter in North Adams, Massachusetts. He lived in North Adams until 1960, at which time his family relocated to Punta Gorda, Florida. He graduated from Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda in June 1972 and then attended the University of South Florida in Tampa, graduating with a BS biology in 1978.

Following his graduation from college, Bill went to work for the Citrus County Health Department as an environmental specialist, then for the Department of

Natural Resources in the Marine Resources Division. He closed out his career with the State of Florida as a GIS specialist at AHCA and then at Florida A&M University. Following his retirement in Florida, he relocated to Spartanburg, South Carolina, and worked for Spartanburg County as a GIS specialist in the Office of the Tax Assessor.

As long as his health allowed, Bill enjoyed running, fishing, canoeing, camping, and snorkeling and diving in the Florida Keys. He was an accomplished, self-taught guitar player. He was an excellent carpenter, and as one of his friends recently noted, he could fix just about anything. He was a member of Drinking Liberally in Spartanburg and is remembered fondly by his fellow members. He was an ardent environmentalist deeply concerned about conservation of resources and climate change.

He leaves behind many of his high school classmates, work colleagues, and other friends and neighbors to grieve his passing. His humor, quick wit, and musical performances will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life Service is planned for Friday, October 25, at 2:00 p.m., at Goodwood Gardens and Museum, Jubilee Cottage, 1600 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308. This service will provide an opportunity to hear memories of Bill for all who wish to share.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carter Center (<https://www.cartercenter.org/donate/>); Second Harvest of the Big Bend (<https://give.fightinghunger.org/>); Tallahassee Animal Services, 1125 Easterwood Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32311; or a charity of your choice.

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Porter family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Museum and Gardens
1600 Micosukee Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Tribute Wall

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“ While I did not know Bill in high school I certainly knew his sister, Martha well. But over the years on Facebook I was happy to get to know him better through his thoughtful posts and kindred spirit ways of thinking. Sending sympathy and blessings of comfort to his dear ones who are dealing with the loss of a special man.

Nancy Snyder - September 08, 2024 at 06:08 PM

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Thank you, Nancy, for your very kind words!

Martha - September 10, 2024 at 04:30 PM

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Martha - September 07, 2024 at 10:24 AM

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Darwin, Bill's dog years ago.

Martha - September 07, 2024 at 10:25 AM

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Martha - September 07, 2024 at 10:19 AM

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Bill playing with Google 3d to take pic of Bella with Google tiger

Martha - September 07, 2024 at 10:20 AM

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martha - September 06, 2024 at 11:23 AM

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“ *Mary Carmean lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" B. Porter*



Mary Carmean - September 03, 2024 at 05:15 PM