



Mrs. Doris Eloise Porter

August 21, 1929 - December 29, 2013

Doris Eloise Sowers Porter, age 84, of Salisbury died peacefully Sunday, December 29, 2013 at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, GA following surgery due to a broken hip.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Jacob Daniel (J.D.) Porter who died March 10, 1994; brother Sidney George Sowers who died January 27, 1973.

Doris was born in Salisbury on August 21, 1929 the daughter of Sidney Otis Sowers and Addie Eula Cauble Sowers Kirk. She graduated from Boyden High School in 1947 and earned a B.A. degree in Music and English in 1950 from Catawba College in Salisbury.

Following graduation she taught seventh grade at East Spencer and Hurley Schools in Rowan County. During her school years she was pianist for Mary Oma Carter's School of Dance. For many years she also taught private piano lessons and assisted her husband, J.D. Porter, at Porter Enterprises, Inc. , serving as secretary and treasurer.

Doris was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Salisbury, she taught Sunday school in the Nursery, Cradle Roll classes, she played piano for the Adult Sunday School Class, served as president of the Eva Peeler Bible Class for three years. She was a member of the Martin Luther Class and

served as Welcome Place Greeter, served on the Altar Committee. Doris and J.D. were Adult Leaders of the Senior High Luther League, the Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir.

She was a member of the Salisbury Symphony, Salisbury/Rowan Symphony Guild, Daughters' of the American Revolution, English Speaking Union, Waterworks, Rowan Museum, Piedmont Players, Beta Sigma Phi (past member), Rowan Arts Council, Piedmont Players, Rowan Community Concert Association, Celebration of Life (Charter Member), Country Club of Salisbury. Doris enjoyed family, friends, Classical Music, movies, shopping, audio books, and tennis. Her hobbies included a rose garden and sharing the roses with others and playing piano. She treasured her friends participating in "Sempiternal Bridge Friends through today", "Down One Bridge Club", "Bridge Dolls" and "Church Bridge" and her tennis friends.

Those left to cherish her memories are her son William Sidney "Bill" Porter (Judy) of Sandy Springs, GA; daughters Diane Porter Liscum (Jeff) of Marietta, GA and Brenda Porter Morrison (Rodger) of Charlotte; sister Marion Sowers Grogan of Reidsville; grandchildren Catherine Liscum Gordon (Dave) of Atlanta, GA, Charles Liscum (Courtney) of Atlanta, GA, Whitney Morrison of Raleigh, Julie Morrison of Charlotte; Sidney Porter (Danielle) of Homer, GA, Chris Porter, a student at Auburn University, and Andrew and Sarah Porter of Atlanta, GA; and great-grandchildren Savannah, Will and Graham of Georgia.

Service: 1:00 PM Saturday, January 4, 2014 at St. John's Lutheran Church conducted by Rev. Rhodes Woolly. Following the service the family will invite the entire congregation to join them for lunch in the fellowship hall to celebrate the life of Doris Sowers Porter.

Memorials: St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 W. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
200 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Eloise Porter.*



January 02, 2014 at 09:39 PM



“ *Ms. Porter was an extremely intelligent and kind woman who loved her family deeply. I had a limited relationship with Ms. Porter, however, found her to be one of the most wonderful people ever. Her kind and generous heart will be felt by the lives she touched for sometime to come. As limited as my relationship was with her, I will miss her.*

Lauren Linares

LAUREN LINARES - January 02, 2014 at 10:32 AM



“ *Doris has been a participant in my water aerobics class at the JF Hurley YMCA for several years. We are going to miss her and the hole in our group. She was always a joy to have in my class and everyone loved her. We talked about her on Monday in class and everyone had a story to share. We will keep her in our memories every time I touch a noodle in our pool (she always used two). Since my sons majored in music we had a special bond. You are all in our thoughts and prayers for your loss.*



Joanne French - January 01, 2014 at 02:29 PM

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“ *The DeSano Pizza Bakery Scott, Kris, Rory, Patti and Bob purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Doris Eloise Porter.*



The DeSano Pizza Bakery Scott, Kris, Rory, Patti and Bob -
December 31, 2013 at 05:09 PM