



Melvin Baxter Porter

June 9, 1933 - October 12, 2017

Melvin "Mel" Baxter Porter, 84, of Matthews, formerly of Phoenix, Arizona, went to be with The Lord on Thursday, October 12, 2017, at Novant Medical Center in Matthews with his family at his side. Mel is survived by his loving wife of 54+ years Patricia Chaney Porter, and their children Patricia Emily Porter of Rimrock, AZ, and her fiancé Daniel Keeley, Joseph Edward Porter of Matthews, NC and his wife Patti, Jonathan Andrew Porter of Mint Hill, NC, and his wife Juliana, and Elisabeth Anne Karr of Romford, United Kingdom, and her husband James. He is also survived by his grandchildren Brian, Sean, Liam, Pierce, and Zechariah.

Mel was born in Magdalena, New Mexico to Joseph Baxter Porter and Emily Lockett Gamble Porter on June 9, 1933 and was raised on his family ranch in nearby Apache Creek. In his early youth he attended Apache Creek School House, Reserve High School and the Institute of Mining and Technology, in Socorro, NM. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1953 and faithfully served until his Honorable Discharge in 1961. Soon after that, Mel met his beloved wife Patricia in Norway, where each were vacationing, and they eventually married in 1963 in Apache Creek, NM. Mel was a rancher, a truck driver for North American Van Lines and White Mountain Passenger Lines, and owned a trucking company hauling U.S. mail. His real joy was being a minister of Christ for the building up of the church. He and Patricia spent their retirement years living in Phoenix, AZ continuing to serve the Lord in the church, and spending time with his family and friends. He will be dearly missed.

A Memorial Service for Mel will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Meeting Hall of the Church in Phoenix, located at 17803 N. 27th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85053. In lieu of flowers, the Porter Family has requested that memorials may be made to help support the Living Stream Ministry Lord's Move to Europe (LME) by going to www.lordsmove.org/offerings.html and designate your gift to "European Gospel Work".

Cemetery Details

Apache Creek Cemetery

Apache Creek, NM 87820

<http://www.interment.net/data/us/nm/catron/apache/index.htm>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Church in Phoenix
17803 N. 27th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85053

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Baxter Porter*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Melvin Baxter Porter*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM

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“ *Thinking of you all at this very sad time.
with love from Aunt Vera (Chaney), Susan, Pauline and families.*

Pauline Harrison - October 16, 2017 at 09:20 AM

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“ *Remembering Dad. We made many trips from Miami, FL to New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. Usually driving in one of the vans. Thinking about those trips and we had no technology, no videos, no movies, no phones to pass time. Just games like I spy, looking at license plates, getting in trouble because we were misbehaving, or being to hold it till the next rest stop. Many trips and many wonderful memories.*



Patricia Porter - October 14, 2017 at 07:47 PM

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*Patricia,
Give my love to all your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you as well. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend your Dad's service.
Your Dad was one if a kind and gone to a better place.
"and then there was one."*

Jacque Dyer Easley - October 18, 2017 at 02:24 PM