



## William Johnson Porter

June 28, 1957 - December 25, 2016

William Johnson Porter passed away December 25, 2016 at Cox Medical Center, Springfield, Mo at age 59 from pneumonia with heart complications. He was born in Independence, MO and went to elementary school there. In the 1960s, Will moved to the Lake Tablerock, MO area with his parents-- William L. Porter, an Engineer and Frances Elizabeth (Johnson) Porter, a teacher at Galena for 18 years. Will was an avid reader and loved math; he went to High School in the Galena/Reeds Springs, MO area. After High School, he joined the Marines and appreciated learning more about the world as he traveled.

After the military, he got into surveying, including using lots of technology. He transferred his love of technology into manufacturing for a number of years. Recently, he had finished a year at Ozark Technical Community College for a double degree in Computer Design and Computer Manufacturing. He was excited about returning to school in the upcoming year so he could complete his program.

Will loved fishing and camping—the outdoors in general. He also enjoyed photography and showed his expertise in family vacations, especially Yosemite, CA. In the last few years, he became an enthusiastic golfer and played quite well with limited formal coaching. He was known for his wonderful sense of humor and his caring spirit. He will be missed by surviving sister,

Margaret L. Porter of Cary, NC. He was predeceased by a sister Mary Kathleen Porter and his parents.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. followed by the Celebration of Life Memorial Service at 2:30 p.m.—both at the Ben Cast & Son-Wood Funeral Home, 407 S. Pine, Holden, MO. There will be a light lunch 11:30-1:00 at the First Presbyterian Church, 601 S Main St, Holden, MO.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Holden Cemetery

West 10th Street  
Holden, MO 64040

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 18. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home Inc. DBA:Campbell-Cast Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ I knew William here in Springfield through my husband, he worked at harbor house for men. My husband (Bryce) took William down to get his vehicle he bought around Branson. Then brought it to our house until he got it legal to drive. I met him also around Christmas time for there party for the guys. I always made home made candy for them all. He was always so nice and polite. Then he showed up and stayed in the lodge at Victory Mission. Where I worked, my name is Torrey Bozman and it was so nice to get to know him while he was there. Every one that was staff and clients all liked William. I was on vacation when I heard, a staff member called and told me. I couldn't believe that he was taken from us all on Christmas Day. He is missed from Victory Square men shelter. We will never forget his smile, sweetness, and kindness. Thank you for being you William. RIP you was a blessing to get to know.

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**Torrey Bozman** - March 18, 2017 at 06:59 PM

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“ William was always "Billy" to me and my family. My family were regulars at the Cardinal Court Inn located at Cape Fair, MO, the Inn was operated by Billy's parents. He was 16 years old when we met and he was the most pleasant and kind person. It was due to him that encouraged my parents to seek out the Cardinal Court Inn rather than the place that we had met (Shadrack). We called him a mini version of Mac Davis; he had a wonderful smile that warmed your heart. Our families became very good friends and we spent years visiting the Porters. Billy, Dale Meller, my sister and I ran through the Ozarks in our youths and Billy was instrumental in our enjoying ourselves on every school break and summer vacation. There was nothing more spectacular than to be at the Lake. Billy grew up to join the Marines and while on leave came to Iowa to visit my family. My sister and I came down to Springfield (1982) on our way to the Lake. We went to his work (Zenith) to surprise Billy and boy was he surprised. Regardless of how much time went by, we could always pick up where we left off. He held a special place in my heart and he will be sincerely missed but he will remain forever in my memories.

Posted by: Cindy Laue-Swan - Moscow Mills, MO - friend  
Dec 29, 2016

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