



## Layton Porter

February 20, 1924 - March 6, 2016

After a long, fulfilled, and joyful life, Layton Porter, aged 92, passed away on March 6, 2016, at Walnut Grove Nursing Home. He was born February 20, 1924 at Boston, Arkansas, the son of Beecher and Tressie Lane Porter and played many roles during his long lifetime. Among the most important roles were those of Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Great-Grandfather. He was married to his devoted wife, Velma Maggard Porter, for almost 69 years. He was the loving father of five children: Janis Porter Griggs, Springdale; Glenda Porter Neidecker (and husband Brad), Houston, Texas; David Porter, deceased; Samuel Porter, Springdale; Edward Porter (and wife Rhonda), Springdale; brother of Lloyd Porter of Paris, Arkansas, Leslie Porter of Springdale, Beecher Porter of Little Rock, Leon Porter of Kennewick, Washington. And, he was very proud of his 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He had the honor of serving his country as Corporal of the 536th Amphibious Tank Battalion in the South Pacific during WWII. He was a master brick mason who worked in Northwest Arkansas for over 40 years and was known for his precise and creative work with both brick and native stone. He was an ordained minister who, in addition to giving sermons, performed numerous baptisms and burials. Notably, he officiated at the ceremony of his younger daughter's wedding. Layton Porter was a gregarious man who made friends easily. He loved life but was not afraid of death. And now, he is with his Heavenly Father forever. He was preceded in death by one brother, Lawrence Porter and two sisters, Martha Porter and Bernice Yates. Funeral services will

be held at 2;00 P.M. Thursday, March 10, in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home [www.brashearsfuneralhome.net](http://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net) with The Reverend Loren Collins officiating. Interment will be in the Venus Cemetery. Pallbearers will be: Greg Birchfield, Steve Everett, Dale Porter, Sam Bowman, Kent Myers and Rick Smith. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall

PT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful father, husband, & person. I know he will be greatly missed by all of his family. Hugs & prayers for all.

Paula Thiessen - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Beecher and Wilma, I am so sorry to hear Beacher's brother died. I did not know until today, Our prayers are with you all. Love you all

Jim and Wanda Anderson - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ So sorry for your loss.

Charles and Betty Jo Gurley - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Paula Thiessen has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

Paula Thiessen - March 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Rest in Peace. You were a great joy to have known you

Shirley Jones - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have attended many funerals and encountered Mr. Porter at many other occasions with my husband Donny. He always seemed like a very nice man. His granddaughter, Abbi and our daughter, India, are lifelong friends. I'll bet that Donny is visiting with Layton right now in heaven. Prayers for comfort for his family.

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**Mrs. Roy Don (Donny) Smith (Robin)** - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ Dear Ed, I just read that your wonderful daddy died, and I want you to know that I have such fond memories of him and I am thinking of you. I won't be able to make it to the service, but you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. You have a wonderful guardian angel now named Layton Porter! Love you Ed. (Ellen)

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**Ellen Clark Otis** - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ What a wonderful man Uncle Layton was! I remember being a little girl and listening to stories he would tell me. He was always so joyful and funny! I am so sorry and will be praying for you all, especially you Aunt Velma. It was obvious to me that you both loved each other very much. I will not be able to attend the funeral but please know I will be thinking of each of you.

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**Kim Whedbee (Couch)** - March 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss and may God comfort you in this time.

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**Nettie Everett** - March 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *Mr. Porter was a kind man. When I was younger I spent a lot of time at the Porter house with my friend Glenda. He always treated me with love and kindness. He was a truly man of God and lived what he preached. I know that he is a saint in heaven today. I am sending prayers for your loss. You were certainly fortunate to have had him as long as you did.*

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**Margi Maestri Tucker** - March 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What a wonderful person to have known. He was so kind to me and my son. Always a smile and a kind word. Now he can go rest high on the mountain..*

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**Teresa Hall Pershall** - March 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM