



Bernard Porter ,Sr.

December 17, 1929 - May 29, 2024

Elmer “Bernard” Porter, Sr., a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully at Medical City in Arlington, Texas, on May 29, 2024, at the age of 94. Born on December 17, 1929, in Pelham, Texas, Bernard was the cherished son of Elmer O. Porter and Jimmie Sweeney Porter.

Bernard is survived by his devoted wife of 74 years, Alva Jean Blair Porter, who stood by his side through decades of love and partnership. Together, they built a beautiful family, which includes their children: Elmer Bernard Porter, Jr., Bruce Wilburn Porter and wife Carrie, Sheryl Porter Hicks, and William Ralph Porter and wife Pam. He was a proud grandfather to Nicole Porter, Nicholas Porter, April White and husband Terrance, Candace Briggs, Sidney Hicks, Jr., Christopher Hicks, Lauren Crawford and husband Quentin, and Ryan Porter and wife Caitlin. Bernard's legacy also extends to his great-grandchildren: Paul Porter, Neiman Porter, Nixon Porter, Isaiah White, Grace White, Elise White, Cason Briggs, Cameron Porter, and Landon Porter. He was blessed by a special nephew Michael Porter Heiskell and wife Anita, as well as several other beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Cecilia Heiskell, Darlene Holloway, and Elayne Robinson, and an infant brother, Wilburn Porter.

Bernard's life was marked by his profound love for ranching and farming, passions that kept him closely connected to the land and his heritage. He instilled in his family and others the importance of being good stewards of the land. Inspired by his ancestors, Bernard worked tirelessly to maintain his family's ranch heritage and pass on this legacy to future generations of Porters. Bernard enjoyed hunting and barbecuing, often sharing these activities with family and friends. He was a wonderful storyteller, renowned for his captivating tales about family history and community heritage, which will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of hearing them.

Visitation with the family will be held on Friday, June 7th, from 5pm to 7pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral services to honor Bernard's life will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Pelham, Texas, on Saturday, June 8th, at 1:00 pm, with Rev. Johnnie Kirven officiating. Burial will follow at P3 Porter Family Ranch Cemetery

Elmer "Bernard" Porter, Sr. will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him. His memory will live on in the hearts of those he touched with his stories, his love, and his enduring legacy.

In lieu of flowers please donate to either of the two charities:

Pelham Community Cemetery Fund
c/o Mrs. Yvonne Weaver
22720 FM 744
Hubbard, Texas 76648

Pelham Community History Museum

c/o John Jefferson, Jr.
22375 FM 744

Hubbard, Texas 76648

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Funeral Service

JUN 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Wesley United Methodist Church
22245 Co Rd 3280
Frost , TX 76641

Tribute Wall



“ *Marco Parks sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard Porter*



Marco Parks - June 27, 2024 at 08:52 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Bernard Porter Tribute Video*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - June 10, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*



June 09, 2024 at 11:14 PM



“ *Erma Bruce and Voncile King Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*

Erma Bruce and Voncile King Families - June 09, 2024 at 11:14 PM

JP

“ Josh & Lisa Perry purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..



Josh & Lisa Perry - June 07, 2024 at 04:08 PM

TF

“ The McMullen Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Porter ,Sr..

The McMullen Family - June 07, 2024 at 02:03 PM

WF

“ With love, The Fowler Family purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..



With love, The Fowler Family - June 06, 2024 at 10:40 AM

KH

“ Kristen and Eric Hill purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..



Kristen and Eric Hill - June 05, 2024 at 09:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*



June 05, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ *Chris and Ann Wellborn purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*



Chris and Ann Wellborn - June 05, 2024 at 02:28 PM



“ *Crystal McConney purchased the Lavender Refle ctions Spray for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*



Crystal McConney - June 05, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ *Crystal McConney planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*

Crystal McConney - June 05, 2024 at 10:55 AM

RM

“ To the Family of Mr. Porter: please know you all are in our thoughts and Prayers during this sorrowful time. Always enjoyed talking with he and Mrs. Porter when I lived in the country. Truly a good person that will surely be missed by all. Big hugs to you Mrs. Porter. Becky Monthey and Gary Freels



Rebecca Monthey - June 04, 2024 at 11:42 PM

YC

“ Your friends & family at Corteva purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..



Your friends & family at Corteva - June 04, 2024 at 03:11 PM

WO

“ Wesley & Marion Owens purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..



Wesley & Marion Owens - June 04, 2024 at 02:02 PM

WO

“ Wesley & Marion Owens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Porter ,Sr..

Wesley & Marion Owens - June 04, 2024 at 02:02 PM

JL

“ *jim f lowe lit a candle in memory of Bernard Porter*



jim f lowe - June 04, 2024 at 10:19 AM

AB

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. My prayer is for our God to comfort the hurt of your heart and give you peace and healing thru the days to come. Alithea Walker Brown*



Alithea Walker Brown - June 03, 2024 at 12:31 AM

DR

“ *Dorothy Weaver Reece and son Garry Reece purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*



Dorothy Weaver Reece and son Garry Reece - June 02, 2024 at 05:27 PM

BC

“ *Betty C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*

Betty C. - June 02, 2024 at 08:25 AM

SS

“ *Suzanne Shamburger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*



Suzanne Shamburger - June 01, 2024 at 06:18 PM

RF

“ *Rev. April Van Rader and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*



Rev. April Van Rader and family - June 01, 2024 at 04:55 PM

DB

“ *Donzell & Shirla Broadnax purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*



Donzell & Shirla Broadnax - June 01, 2024 at 03:45 PM

DB

“ *Donzell & Shirla Broadnax planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*

Donzell & Shirla Broadnax - June 01, 2024 at 03:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*



June 01, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ *Karen Lee, RN planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*

Karen Lee, RN - June 01, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ *Dennis&Loretta Hawkins purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..*



Dennis&Loretta Hawkins - May 31, 2024 at 09:25 PM



“ *With sincere condolence to Jean and family.
Bernard was the brother-in-law to our brother, Burtis and brother to our sister, Elayne.
Love and prayers for peace and comfort to you.
Agape'
Georgia Nell and Lizzie Ann of the Freeman & Lizzie Robinson families*

Lizzie Ann Robinson Porter - May 31, 2024 at 05:28 PM

LR

“ Lizzie R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Porter ,Sr..

Lizzie R. - May 31, 2024 at 05:20 PM

TF

“ To The Family of Bernard Porter Sr.

Losing a loved one is always a challenge and one we're never quite prepared for. Thoughts and prayers with you and your family during this challenging time.



A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says,

“Grieve not for me.

Remember the best times,

the laughter, the song.

The good life I lived

while I was strong.

Continue my heritage,

I'm counting on you.

Keep smiling and surely

the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease,

my soul is at rest.

Remembering all,

how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions,

no matter how small.

Go on with your life,

don't worry about falls.

I miss you all dearly,

so keep up your chin.

Until the day comes

we're together again.”

With Sympathy,

Bobby, Jannie, Renise and Vanessa Rankin

The Rankin Family - May 31, 2024 at 12:45 PM

TS

“ Tyrus & Tameko Sanders purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..



Tyrus & Tameko Sanders - May 30, 2024 at 10:46 PM

TS

“ Tyrus & Tameko Sanders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Porter ,Sr..

Tyrus & Tameko Sanders - May 30, 2024 at 10:46 PM

JW

“ Rest in love Grandpa Porter. Your legacy is built on a firm foundation. Thank you for raising Pops(Bruce) into the wonderful husband he is to my Mom(Carrie). And May your love for family and others live on.

Jamesa Washington - May 30, 2024 at 09:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Porter ,Sr..



May 30, 2024 at 07:36 PM

SM

“ Steven, Tina, Emmitt and Rhett Maher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard Porter ,Sr..

Steven, Tina, Emmitt and Rhett Maher - May 30, 2024 at 07:36 PM