



## Mr. John Franklin Porter

December 27, 1933 - March 1, 2022

Mr. John Franklin Porter, 88, of Poulan died Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at his residence. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, March 4 at Poulan United Methodist Church, interment will follow in the Poulan Cemetery. The Rev. Dan Harper will officiate.

Mr. Porter was born December 27, 1933 in Poulan to the late Horace Greely "HG" and Bessie Porter. He was a graduate of Sylvester High School in 1950. He lived all of his life in Poulan and was the former owner of The Sylvester Local News, where he worked for nearly 72 years.

Mr. Porter was an active and devoted member of Poulan Methodist Church all of his life where he served in many capacities. He was a founding member of the Poulan Lions Club. In his earlier years, he served as a volunteer fireman and volunteer policeman with the city of Poulan. He also served in the National Guard. When he was younger, he loved to dove hunt, play softball, and work in his garden. Mr. Porter loved spending time with his family, and he loved his great grandchildren immensely.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lucille Porter of Poulan; daughter Carol Buchanan and son John Porter, Jr. (Rosemary) all of Sylvester; grandchildren Teresa Hardin (Greg) of Poulan, John Buchanan (Laurel) of Dallas, TX, Jeana Klearman, Jessie Porter (Amanda) of Brooklet, and Stephen Porter (Jessica) of Columbus. Great grandchildren are Grace Anne, Laura, Emma and Madelyn Hardin of Poulan; Charity, Hannah, and Tabitha Porter of Brooklet; and Ian, Lily, and Jude Porter of Columbus.

He is also survived by his sister, Vera Kilcrease, of Poulan and many friends and extended family members, church family, and great friends in the Poulan Lions Club.

Mr. Porter was a strong rock in both his church and family, and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 3 from 6 – 8 at Banks Funeral Home.

Please sign our online guest registry at [www.banksfh.com](http://www.banksfh.com).

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Poulan Cemetery

275 East Church Street  
Poulan, GA 31781

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home  
PO Box 550  
210 N. Main Street  
Sylvester, GA 31791  
(229) 776-2055  
banksfh@yahoo.com  
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Poulan United Methodist Church  
110 W. Church Street  
Poulan, GA 31781

## Burial

MAR 4 (ET)

Poulan Cemetery  
275 East Church Street  
Poulan, GA 31781

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Franklin Porter*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Bob and I have had you all in our prayers since learning of the passing of Mr. Porter. We will always remember him fondly and may the good memories you have of him be comforting to each of you.  
Ann and Bob Monk*

**ann monk** - March 07, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ *Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter*



**Sandra Watson** - March 05, 2022 at 10:10 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Porter's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Melissa*

**melissa pate** - March 04, 2022 at 06:35 PM

SD

“ Sandra Lee Dilley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter



Sandra Lee Dilley - March 04, 2022 at 04:00 PM

SJ

“ Praying for Johnny, Carol, Ms Lucille and the entire family 🙏 Mr. John was a special man who left an amazing legacy in Worth County.



Sharon Shiver Joyner

Sharon Joyner - March 04, 2022 at 02:37 PM

BN

“ I am so sorry for your loss, I have known John's family since we were young kids, He was always a great friend. Lucille and Vera and family you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Betty Nelms - March 04, 2022 at 01:04 PM

TL

“ We are so sorry to hear of John's passing. Jeff & I both loved John and treasured his friendship. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Prayers for his family & friends.



Tammy & Jeff Lawhorn - March 04, 2022 at 04:30 AM



Richard Futrill

“ *Richard Futrill lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter*



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**Richard Futrill** - March 04, 2022 at 01:06 AM

MW

“ *Lit a candle in memory of John Porter  
MAY GOD BLESS THE FAMILY*

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**Martha R. WALKER** - March 03, 2022 at 08:49 AM

WP

“ *Wayne Posey lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter*



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**Wayne Posey** - March 03, 2022 at 07:43 AM



“ *Roger Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter*



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**Roger Watson** - March 03, 2022 at 06:58 AM



“ *Tony Senkbeil lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter*



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**Tony Senkbeil** - March 02, 2022 at 11:11 PM



“ *Sending my heartfelt prayers and love to Lucille and all the family. John will be missed by the people throughout the State and especially in Worth County, City of POULAN and POULAN UMC. He was a well-known, intelligent, knowledgeable and Christian presence*

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**Janice Carter** - March 02, 2022 at 09:01 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences. Mr. John was such a kind person. He will be missed.*



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**Denise Clark** - March 02, 2022 at 08:31 PM



“ *I can picture him busy at The Local! Prayers for each of you ! I know you will miss him 🙏 Donna and Davis King*

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**Donna King** - March 02, 2022 at 07:55 PM

HB

“ *Harold Brantley And Susan Brantley lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter*



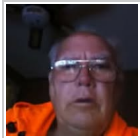
Harold Brantley and Susan Brantley - March 02, 2022 at 07:09 PM

GW

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Porter’s passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Garry & Patricia Welch 🙏❤️*



Garry&Patricia Welch - March 02, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ *Çharles Potts sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter*



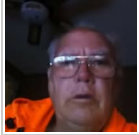
Çharles Potts - March 02, 2022 at 04:29 PM



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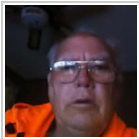
Çharles Potts - March 02, 2022 at 04:29 PM



“ Charles Potts sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter



Charles Potts - March 02, 2022 at 04:28 PM



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“ Michelle Finley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter



Michelle Finley - March 02, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ So sorry and prayers for family. Mr John was such an honorable man. And had true Christian insight of human behavior. He will truly be missed.



Ruth McDonald - March 02, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ Elizabeth Cowles lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter



Elizabeth Cowles - March 02, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ Smith Family

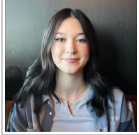


Smith Family - March 02, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ Carol and family, so sorry for your loss. Mr. Porter was an icon in this community and will missed by many. Thoughts and prayers for you 🙏

Deborah Smith Mainor - March 02, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr John passing, I have fond memories growing up in the Methodist church, praying for peace and comfort at this difficult time.

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**Kathy Williamson** - March 02, 2022 at 09:19 AM

SB

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. John's passing. He was always a pleasure to work with. Prayers for the family.  
Stacey and Lisa Bell

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**Stacey Bell** - March 02, 2022 at 08:47 AM

 Brenda Hicks

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I met Mr. Porter while working for Ms. Vera Kilcrease in the Clerk's office. I am so loss for words, he was a great person to work with ordering my supplies for the office. It was a wonderful opportunity to know his family and his daughter taught my grandson. My deepest condolences to you all and he will be greatly missed. Brenda, Otis, Ashlei and K'Vyun Hicks

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**Brenda Hicks** - March 02, 2022 at 08:41 AM

GW

“ Sending sympathy to John's family. He was always a very good person.

Love and prayers  
Garland Willis White

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**Garland Willis White** - March 01, 2022 at 10:10 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter



Evelyn Fletcher Castleberry - March 01, 2022 at 08:37 PM

MH

“ Mack And Mary Houston lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter



Mack and Mary Houston - March 01, 2022 at 06:52 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of mr. porter's passing. Prayers for all of his family

jan majeski - March 01, 2022 at 06:10 PM

JS

“ We are so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was an icon of Worth County. We will truly miss his pieces he wrote for the Local. Lucille, and family we will be praying you.

Judy and Mack Sutton - March 01, 2022 at 04:25 PM

MW

So sorry to hear about John's passing away  
My prayers are being said for you all. May God grant you comfort and strength

Martha R. WALKER - March 01, 2022 at 05:08 PM

SP

*So sorry to hear of Mr. John's passing. He was always so kind and helpful and cooperative when I worked at the Sheriff's Dept. He was always willing to give a straight forward opinion and that's what I liked so much about him. My husband enjoyed him as a Boy Scout leader because Mr. John helped the less fortunate have a Chance to succeed along with those more fortunate. Worth County has lost a very good man and friend to everyone. Prayers for his family. Steve and Trisha Parker*

**Steve and Trisha Parker** - March 01, 2022 at 08:25 PM

DJ

“ *Debra Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter*



**Debra Jones** - March 01, 2022 at 01:42 PM

SJ

“ *Sandra Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter*



**Sandra Jones** - March 01, 2022 at 01:27 PM

JC

“ *JoAnn Dove Chambless lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Porter*



**JoAnn Dove Chambless** - March 01, 2022 at 12:17 PM