



Mr. A. Don Porter

May 10, 1919 - August 18, 2014

A. Don Porter, 95 went to be with the Lord on Monday, August, 18, 2014. Don was born in Brownsboro, Texas on May 10, 1919, the son of William M. Porter and Grover E. Price Porter. He was one of 7 brothers and 3 sisters. In 1943, Don married the love of his life, Ruth Hays in Laneville, Texas. They met at the Country Tavern in Kilgore and married shortly afterwards. Don and Ruth had a long happy life together, travelling and living in many places throughout the United States and abroad. They resided in approximately 28 different cities during their married life. Ruth passed away in June of 2009. Don is survived by his brother, Robert A. Porter and four sister-in-laws: Beth Bowman, Barbara Breen, Pansy Hays and Mildred Porter. Although, Ruth and Don were not blessed by children, they were surrounded by a loving family. Don will be mourned by numerous nieces and nephews and their children. He was always very interested and involved in family activities and will be missed.

Don was a veteran. He completed recruit training in December 1937 and was first stationed at Fort Clark with the U.S. Cavalry. In World War II, he marched across Europe with the U.S. Army in the 28th Infantry Division. One of his proudest moments was when his division participated in the parade of liberation in Paris on August 29, 1944. Don was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations in the European Theatre of Operations in October, 1944. After the war, Don and Ruth were stationed in Nuremberg, Germany. Ruth was employed on the base as a

typing teacher. Don witnessed the Nuremberg Trials. In 1949, after his stint was up, he served in varying capacities as a Reserve Commission Officer of the Army of the United States. He retired in 1963, as a First Lieutenant.

Don was an educated man. He graduated from Brownsboro High School, attended Tyler Junior College. He has B.A. in History and Government from the University of Texas. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from U.T. in 1972, a Master of Education from Antioch University in 1979, and doctorates in Philosophy and Psychology from the London School for Social Research.

In the private sector, Don was a teacher for 14 years in San Antonio. He also sold insurance and practiced as a Clinical Psychologist. He retired as a teacher.

Don continued to read and learn throughout his life. Don spent much of his free time reading books on his Nook. Don was especially fond of western books, detective novels, and military history books. He had a special interest in genealogy. He spent many happy hours tracing the family trees of the Porters, Hays and Bowmans. Don also enjoyed cooking gumbo and jambalaya for his extended family.

During his time in East Texas, Don especially enjoyed fishing and frog hunting with his brother-in-law, John. On their first stop after retirement, Don and Ruth lived on Lake Toledo Bend in Hemphill, TX. He fished every day!

Don's special friends were Ed and Linda Mackey. Linda and Ed shared their granddaughter, Faith, with Don. These visits brought him great joy.

Don's family wish to thank the caregivers at Southern Knights Assisted Living Center in Tomball, TX.

The viewing will be held from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. at the Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson, TX on Saturday, August 23rd. The graveside service will follow at 2:00 p.m. Don will be laid to rest next to his loving wife, Ruth, at the Laneville Cemetery in Rusk County, Texas.

Those wishing to make a memorial gift may do so to the Wounded Warrior's Project, 4889 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Cemetery Details

Shiloh Cemetery

Hwy 315
Mt. Enterprise, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Graveside

AUG 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

Shiloh Cemetery
Hwy 315
Mt. Enterprise, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Don was a wonderful, kind, generous and intelligent man and we could see a wonderful husband to his wife, Ruth. Weren't they the handsome couple! It was always good visiting with them. We look forward to seeing them on the other side! George and Kathleen Humphrey*

Kathleen and George Humphrey - August 24, 2014 at 10:46 AM

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Your uncle contacted me a few years ago to discuss genealogy. He is a perfect match to my brother. We are still trying to find our common ancestor. It sounds like he led a wonderful long life. I'm glad he had close relatives like you who appreciated him. Carolyn Schrader

carolyn schrader - September 14, 2014 at 06:29 PM