



## Ronald Earl Porter

October 31, 1959 - November 3, 2023

Ronald Earl Porter, age 64, of Bloomington, Indiana, passed away peacefully on November 3, 2023, at IU Health Methodist Hospital.

Ron was born October 31, 1959, at Greene County General Hospital in Linton, Indiana, to Clifford Earl Porter and Bonita Arlene (Carmichael) Porter.

Ron was a graduate of Eastern Greene High School. He worked for the Illinois Central Railroad, and went on to have a long successful career at Indiana University, retiring from the Utilities Department after nearly 40 years.

Ron grew up in a loving home with his parents and three brothers. He often shared stories of his childhood, which included wonderful memories of his parents, brothers, cousins, and close friends, who became like family to him.

Ron spent much of his time at home on his family farm, with his wife Robbin. They were happily married for eleven years, and spent thirty-one years traveling, going to flea markets, dancing, and enjoying life together. Their love was special.

As a father, Ron was intentional about time spent with his daughter. He introduced her to music, sports, and faith, at an early age. Concerts and sporting events, favorite artists, and old gospel music will remain as just some

of the treasured memories they shared.

He always made sure to show how much he valued being a father and grandfather.

His grandchildren knew him as “Papaw with the creek”, and will always remember the time he spent with them, playing in the creek and gathering eggs from the chickens. Every visit to Papaw’s house was a fun adventure.

Ron enjoyed spending time with his friends and brothers, whether playing music, riding motorcycles, or talking sports. As an avid sports fan, he spent time watching, and attending games with family and friends. He was a fan of IU basketball, Notre Dame football, the Pittsburgh Pirates, and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Above all else, spending time with the people he loved meant the most to him.

Ron is survived by his wife Robbin; his mother Bonita (Carmichael) Porter of Bloomington; his daughter, Carly Carter (Dustin) of Bloomfield, and grandchildren, Emery, Logan, Addison, and Weston; stepsons, Gary Roberts (Amy) of Owensburg, and their son Dillian, and Victor Roberts (Madi), of Springville, and their daughter Olivia; his brothers, Don Porter of Bloomington, Monty Porter (Tuesday) of Springville, and Tom Porter (Kris), of Bloomington; many nieces and nephews, cousins, and one aunt.

Ron was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Earl Porter.

The family will not hold a visitation or funeral service in respect of Ron’s wishes. There will be a private memorial held at a later time.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is

handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ I was so sad to hear of Ron's passing. He was a classmate at Eastern then years later a friend and co-worker at IU Physical Plant. He was a very quiet but nice man who will be missed. Prayers for his family.

Karen (Liles) White - November 22, 2023 at 07:47 PM

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Thank you, Karen.

Carly Carter - November 28, 2023 at 03:25 PM

BW

“ This world has lost a good one and heaven has become an even better place now. Happy to have know Ron for over 40 years. Had many interesting and funny talks with Ron though the years. See ya one the other side my friend.

Bob Watkins - November 08, 2023 at 09:01 PM

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Bob, thank you for the kind words and memories shared.

Carly Carter - November 28, 2023 at 03:27 PM

JK

“ I worked with Ron during my 20 years as a member of the IU Physical Plant Utilities and Engineering team. I remember Ron as totally professional, respectful, and dedicated to his craft. I hope his family find some comfort knowing he was a valuable member of the IU community. Rest in peace, Ron.

Jeff Kaden - November 08, 2023 at 06:39 PM

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*Jeff, thank you for the kind words about my dad.*

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**Carly Carter** - November 28, 2023 at 03:28 PM

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Deckard

“ *I worked with Ron in IU's utility department for 24yrs. I watched Ron go from a utility worker, to crew lead, and last the Utility Supervisor. Ron was one of those genuine "down to earth" type of guys. Every day we would have early morning meetings (mainly just to shoot the bull and have a laugh) but sometimes we discussed work too. Ron was just an all around great guy and will truly be missed*

*Rob Deckard*

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**Rob Deckard** - November 07, 2023 at 11:30 AM

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*Rob, thank you for the kind words, and sharing your memories about my dad.*

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**Carly Carter** - November 28, 2023 at 03:29 PM