



## Ronald D. Porter

July 30, 1938 - November 13, 2022

Ronald D. Porter, 84, of Grand Island, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Sunday, November 13, 2022, after battling a long illness. To honor his wishes, a celebration of life will take place on Saturday, March 11th at 11:00 at All Faiths Funeral Home. Daniel Naranjo will officiate.

Ron and his twin brother Raymond were born on July 30, 1938 in Ponca City, Oklahoma where they were adopted by Leo and Edna Porter. Ron spent his childhood in Oklahoma and later graduated from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in Geology. Go Cowboys!

On November 11, 1961, Ron married his soulmate Kathleen Harris, in the chapel at Oklahoma State University. To this union, they were blessed with three children, Kevin, Kelly, and Kristi.

After graduating from OSU, Ron and Kathleen moved to New Mexico where he worked in the oil fields. They then moved to St. Louis where he was employed 33 years as a Cartographer at the Defense Mapping Agency in St. Louis, Missouri. During his tenure at DMAC, he worked on projects such as the Apollo and Voyager 1 & 2 missions. In 2000, following his retirement, they started a new journey in their lives and moved to Grand Island. Ron and Kathleen were blessed to have wonderful neighbors which developed into close friendships.

After battling cancer, Ron decided to give back by volunteering at St. Francis and the Cancer Center, where his mission was to make a positive impact on patients going through serious illnesses.

Ronald was a lifelong fan of Oklahoma State Football and loved watching the Huskers, which made it difficult when Nebraska and Oklahoma State played at the same time. He also enjoyed sitting on his deck and listening to music with his friends and family. Most of all, he loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and of course his dogs.

Those left to cherish his memory include: his children: Kevin Porter of Festus, MO; Kelly (Kelly) Rafferty of Grand Island, and Kristi (Richard) Clinton of Ste. Genevieve, MO; 8 grandchildren: Ron, Todd, Kayla, Brandy, Derek, Molly, Shane, Heather, 18 great-grandchildren and his Godsent Angel Amanda Brunken.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen; his parents Leo and Edna Porter (Rork); twin brother, Raymond Porter; and brothers Harold, Bob and Donald Dawson and sisters, Beverly Dale (Dawson), Shirley Dawson and infant sister Betty Jean Dawson.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

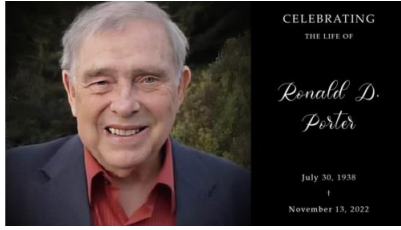
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# Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ronald D. Porter*



**All Faiths Funeral Home** - March 11, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Ronald D. Porter*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald D. Porter.*



March 09, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *The Purple Fish Motorcycle Club purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald D. Porter.*



**The Purple Fish Motorcycle Club** - March 08, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *Your dad was awesome and loved by a lot of people. Condolences to the family.*

*Love Marilyn Dawson Fredrick*

**Marilyn Fredrick** - March 07, 2023 at 06:26 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss; he sounded like a great dad from the stories I have heard. Hopefully, the weather cooperates, and everyone will make it to the celebration safely.

Your Friend,  
Karen L.

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**Karen Lucas** - March 07, 2023 at 03:09 PM

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“ Ron was the kindest man. He loved his wife and family more than anything and never complained. Glad he is dancing with his sweetheart!

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**Kimm Klute** - March 07, 2023 at 02:49 PM