



## Roger James Porter

March 31, 1937 - April 5, 2020

Porter, Roger J. age 83 of Bloomington, MN, passed away peacefully at home on April 5, 2020. Preceded in death by son, Fritz; parents, William and Helen Porter. Survived by wife, Suzanne (Forti, Mattson); son, Steven (Peggy) Porter; daughter, Susan (Bill) Powell; stepchildren, Scott Mattson (Kristin McDonald), Kristin (David) McKenzie and Russian "son" Dima Sakelaridi; 11 grandchildren; sister Angie (Dave) Lundin; and former spouse Jeannette Porter. Roger taught high achievers and fourth graders in Bloomington for 31 years and was happiest when he could get his students out of the classroom learning from real-life experiences. He took his love for education to Russia where he taught for six months and initiated a plan to bring Russian teachers to Bloomington. Known for his mischievous ways and groan-worthy fourth grade humor, Roger loved animals, being outdoors, spending time at the cabin, taking road trips, connecting with new people and having a good time. He was an Eagle Scout and graduate of West High School, the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State University, Mankato. Memorials to Angel Foundation or Park Nicollet Hospice. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers 952-884-8145

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Tribute Wall

TJ

“ I am so sorry to hear that Roger passed. He was my favorite patient to see at the dental office and made a huge impact on me in the few years that I knew him. He was the most giving person I’ve known (I strive to be more like him) and I will truly miss him. Rest In Peace dear friend.

Tiffany Jensen - April 28, 2020 at 11:29 AM

NC

“ My deepest condolences to Sue and family. I was lucky enough to meet Roger about 5 years ago when I moved to Minnesota. We quickly connected due to our mutual love of military history. I will miss our talks about anything and everything. He was kind, funny, generous and my friend. I loved him very much.

Natasha Carter - April 24, 2020 at 01:49 PM

RO

“ Mr. Porter was my 4th grade teacher back in the early 90s. I appreciated his resourcefulness. I also liked the science he taught. I remember learning Russian in his class, too. I am so sorry for your loss.

Robyn - April 12, 2020 at 09:01 PM

KJ

“ My condolences to the Porter family. I was one of his students in the late 70's. Because of him and his style of teaching, I, too, became a teacher. So many memories came flooding back when seeing his picture on the obituary. I remember these thoughts like it was yesterday. The Friday auctions (McDonald's breakfast was the best) the turtles, the salamanders, the mealworms, Vera the rat and best of all the friendship that lasted for many years after with he and my family. He even posted my 4th grade picture, which I had given him that year as a child, on an Olson bulletin board when I returned to the school AS AN ADULT to work for the before/after school program. He kept my picture for all those years!!!?? ❤️ Roger was that special teacher for whom I will never forgot! His passion for learning and the environment have become my passion. Thank you, Mr. Porter for your inspiring and empowering me! You will forever be in my thoughts!

🐢 Kari (Pierson) Johnson

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Kari Johnson - April 12, 2020 at 05:44 PM

CM

“ Oh Mr. Porter was one of my favorite teachers ever, I was in high achievers in the early 70s, so many of my life interests stemmed from he helped us experience. I know you will all miss him so much, much sympathy...



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Carrie McLachlan - April 12, 2020 at 04:43 PM

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“ Cheryl Miller lit a candle in memory of Roger James Porter



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Cheryl Miller - April 12, 2020 at 04:15 PM

CM

“ We were so sorry to hear of Roger's death. He had our daughter, Kristi, in his 6th grade High Achievers class many years ago. He was a great teacher and that was an excellent experience for our daughter that year. He gave those students much room to grow.

*Cheryl and Rhys Miller*

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**Cheryl Miller** - April 12, 2020 at 04:14 PM

NB

“ So sorry for your loss Sue. I always looked forward to talking to Roger when I was your mailman for 13 years. He will be truly missed 🙏🙏

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**Neal Bacon** - April 12, 2020 at 03:53 PM

GL

“ Some things I remember about Roger are his sense of humor, his generosity, and his love of history and historical items that helped shed light on the past.

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**Greg Lundin** - April 12, 2020 at 02:52 PM

TK

*What a wonderful, nice man. He befriended my father Richard late in life when they were neighbors in Bloomington. They were instant best friends and share so many great stories. He really made the last years of my father's life so much better. The two retired teachers were so good for each other! Condolences from Tom Koplitz*

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**Tom Koplitz** - April 12, 2020 at 03:40 PM