



Della S. Porter

April 7, 2022

Della S. Porter of Eugene, Oregon died April 7, 2022 at the age of 94.

Della was born in 1927 and was the youngest of seven children of Charles A. And Susan (Chase) Sherman of Middletown, RI.

She married John C. Porter (Jack) on January 31, 1948. They lived in Fitchburg, MA, Wheeling, WV and Middletown, RI prior to settling in Scituate, RI in 1953. They lived in Scituate for 53 years and Jack died there in March of 1992.

Della retired in 1987 from the Rhode Island School Lunch Program after 23 years as a cooks helper. Mostly working at Clayville Elementary School and later at Scituate Jr. Sr. High School.

Her life in Scituate included many years as an assistant troop leader for her daughters assorted Girl Scouts Troops from Brownies to Senior Girl Scouts. She was a volunteer at the Episcopal Church Thrift Shop as well as a member of the Rhode Island Genealogical Society, Queen of Sheba #10 of Eastern Star and Senior Clubs in Johnston, Scituate and Greenville.

In 2006, she decided it was time to be near at least one of her daughters, so she moved to Oregon. She lived first in a retirement community in Springfield,

OR, but after 3 years moved to Willamette Oaks Retirement Community in Eugene, OR where she remained until her death.

She is survived by her two daughters, Ann Richards (Jay) of Eugene, OR and Jane Duncan-Beattie (Jerry) of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; three granddaughters, Erin Duncan, Heather Daman (Chris) and Maureen Kelly (Jamie) and seven great-grandchildren all of Ottawa, Ontario, CA; two step-granddaughters Ashlee Beattie (Randal) of Gatineau, Quebec and Emily Beattie Halifax, Nova Scotia. She also leaves many nieces and nephews who reside throughout the United States.

Brother Charles A. Sherman Jr. and sisters Gertrude Peabody, Margaret Chase, Helen Easton, Anna Weymouth and Martha Carmichael all preceded her in death.

Burial will be held Friday, September 9, 2022 in The Middletown Four Corners Cemetery at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Memorial Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Calvary United Methodist Church, 200 Turner Road, Middletown, RI.

Previous Events

Committal Service

SEP 9. 9:30 AM (ET)

The Middletown Four Corners Cemetery
850 East Main Road
Middletown, RI 02842

Memorial Service

SEP 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Calvary United Methodist Church
200 Turner Road
Middletown, RI 02842

Tribute Wall

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“ *Very sorry to hear of Mrs. Porter's passing. I was a student at Clayville School 1968-1974. Mrs. Porter worked in the kitchen preparing and serving lunch. I was a "kitchen helper" a few times with her and remember her as cheerful, warm and patient. She was a very nice person. Sincerest condolences to the family. Skip Trahan*

Skip Trahan - September 08, 2022 at 06:02 AM

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“ *To the Family of Della I met Della when I joined Queen of Sheba Order of the Eastern Star she was so nice and welcoming and we were both collectors of antiques and collectibles. I was sad when she left but it was her time. She will be missed.*

DOROTHY M BLANCHARD - September 03, 2022 at 11:43 AM

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Thank you for your lovely message. We appreciate hearing from people who knew her and can remember her special warmth.

daughter - Jane - September 04, 2022 at 03:23 AM