



Isabel Porter

October 8, 1920 - February 22, 2014

Isabel Baxter Moody Porter, R.N.(93) a native of Kent Island, a registered nurse, and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother died of natural causes on Saturday, February 22, 2014, at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, DE.

She was a graduate of Stevensville High School and the Macqueen Gibbs Willis School of Nursing at Memorial Hospital in Easton, Class of 1941. During her early years of nursing, she resided in the Mount Vernon neighborhood of Baltimore and was listed on the central directory for the city's hospitals. She returned to her native Eastern Shore in the late forties, and resumed her nursing duties at her alma mater, as well as Chestertown Hospital.

Born and raised on Kent Island, she was the youngest of seven children born to Jacob (Capt.

Pete) and Orinthia Baxter. She spent many hours of her childhood playing in and around the

fierce tides of Kent Narrows within eyesight of her father's establishment, Capt. Pete's boarding

house and her oldest brother Carroll's beer garden. She and her sister, Nina, earned change

driving weekend fishermen and tourists, coming in on the Love Point ferry, to the Narrows' hotel.

Isabel was a respected and beloved member of her community. After years of hospital work and private duty, she began a rewarding career as a public health nurse at the Queen Anne's County Health Department. While at the health department, she particularly enjoyed her "visits" with migrant families who seasonally frequented the rural towns on the shore. Her friends and colleagues admired her work ethic and bedside manner in the performance of her job. She is remembered for her selfless devotion to family, her sense of fashion (including her Halloween costumes), and her travel lust.

Her husband, Harry Benton Porter, Sr., whom she married in 1948, died in 2009. Her first husband, John Thomas Moody, Jr., was killed in WWII in 1945. Her brothers, Carroll, Joseph, and Jack, and her sisters, Inez and Nina, are deceased. She is survived by her daughters, Jacqueline Moody Ziskind of Owings Mills, MD. and Jill Porter of Rehoboth Beach; grandson, Bryan Parks Saddler; and great-granddaughter, Tess, both of Fairfax, VA.

A memorial service will be held at a future date this spring on Kent Island. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kent Island United Methodist Church or the Kent Island Fire Department.

Tribute Wall



“ Isabel Porter

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Isabel Porter

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Isabel Porter

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Joan And Donald Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter



Joan and Donald Dawkins - March 09, 2014 at 05:36 PM



“ Gary Pyle lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter



Gary Pyle - March 08, 2014 at 04:46 PM

LS

“ Jackie and Jill and family, we're so sorry for your loss. She was one very special lady!

Lynn and Rogan Stearns - March 08, 2014 at 04:05 PM

LS

“ Lynn & Rogan Stearns lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter



Lynn & Rogan Stearns - March 08, 2014 at 03:59 PM

SW

“ Sheils Willis lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter



Sheils Willis - March 04, 2014 at 08:11 AM



“ Nan Severa lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter



Nan Severa - March 02, 2014 at 10:36 AM



will never forget you or that beautiful smile you always had on your face

Nan Severa - March 02, 2014 at 10:36 AM

SC

“ Sherri & Ray Corkell lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter



Sherri & Ray Corkell - February 27, 2014 at 06:30 AM

JE

“ Joy Radcliffe Eckman lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter



Joy Radcliffe Eckman - February 26, 2014 at 06:34 PM

SC

“ Shosh Callahan lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter



Shosh Callahan - February 26, 2014 at 09:27 AM

SC

Ms. Issie was a WONDERFUL and KIND lady. Loved her so much

Shosh Callahan - February 26, 2014 at 09:29 AM

JA

“ *Joann And Mike Anderson lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter*



Joann and Mike Anderson - February 26, 2014 at 06:07 AM

JF

“ *Jim & Diane Foor lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter*



Jim & Diane Foor - February 25, 2014 at 07:44 PM

RV

“ *Ruthie Voshell-Russ lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter*



Ruthie Voshell-Russ - February 25, 2014 at 02:11 PM

RO

“ Jackie and Jill, I was deeply saddened by the news of Miss Isabel's passing. My heart is with you in this time of sorrow. Please know that you are in my thoughts and my prayers. Miss Isabel's greatest joy was making others happy. I fondly remember Mr. Harry and Miss Isabel as I grew up seeing them at the Kent Island Yacht Club at many functions that my parents, Dick and Dorothy Klages, attended. I last saw them at my parent's 50th Wedding Anniversary party on August 2006. May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead. -- Robyn Klages Smith



Robyn - February 25, 2014 at 02:01 PM

KL

“ OH MY - SO sorry to hear about Aunt Isabel! She was always SO much fun to be around! A BIG, WONDERFUL LADY in such a small package! I didn't see her much in recent years, but loved her dearly.



Kay Thompson Lister

Kay Lister - February 25, 2014 at 01:52 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Isabel Porter*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - February 25, 2014 at 08:43 AM

GP

Jill: Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your mother. She was a great lady and I always enjoyed seeing her when she was working at the Health Department and I was at the County Commissioner's Office. She was a mess. She is surely in heaven and greeted by many of her wonderful friends and family. Blessings to all of you, Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - February 25, 2014 at 08:45 AM



“ *Pat Weston lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter*



Pat Weston - February 24, 2014 at 10:04 PM

WB

“ Jackie and Jill: So so sorry to hear of your loss. Miss Isabel was well.....Miss Isabel! Words cannot describe this perky, prominent lady that always had a smile a mile wide and a laugh to keep both of you going! I can see her now, giving Wheeler a big hug and off she goes to her daily chore.....helping others! We really missed them both when she and Capt. Harry moved. Peace be with you. God Bless.

Holly and Wheeler

Wheeler Baker - February 24, 2014 at 09:22 PM

BC

“ Bonnie Coleman lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter



Bonnie Coleman - February 24, 2014 at 05:35 PM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter



JoAnn & Royden Powell - February 24, 2014 at 04:14 PM

PD

“ *Peggy Dashiell lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter*



Peggy Dashiell - February 24, 2014 at 03:34 PM

KH

“ *Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter*



Kim Honeycutt - February 24, 2014 at 03:16 PM

GS

“ *Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter*



Greg & Laura Saddler - February 24, 2014 at 03:11 PM



“ *Deb Langrell lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter*



Deb Langrell - February 24, 2014 at 03:00 PM

TF

“ *The Wenck Family lit a candle in memory of Isabel Porter*



The Wenck Family - February 24, 2014 at 12:23 PM