



## Mark Hansen Porter

June 2, 1959 - September 13, 2020

Mark Hansen Porter, 61, of Charlotte, NC, passed away peacefully at home on September 13, 2020, following a 5-month battle with Glioblastoma. He was surrounded by his loving wife and children as he passed. Mark was born June 2, 1959, in Seaford, Delaware to his late father, William Donnie “Don” Porter, and mother, Mary Elizabeth Martin Porter.

A longtime Charlotte resident, Mark was a 1977 graduate of North Buncombe High School in Weaverville, NC, where he was valedictorian of his class. An alumnus of North Carolina State University, he parlayed his formidable math skills into a career as a savvy and valued process improvement manager. He worked at Fiberon from 2009-2020. Mark was the very definition of a family-man, and leaves behind an impressive legacy on the importance of taking care of loved ones. Family and friends loved Mark’s witty sense of humor and captivating story-telling ability. Mark was a passionate sports fan. He was a lifelong fan of the NC State Wolfpack and Carolina Panthers. He developed a knack for managing championship caliber fantasy football teams, as family members and co-workers can attest. He will be sorely missed after serving as league commissioner for many seasons.

In addition to his mother, Mark is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Julie Downing Porter; daughters, Stephanie Porter and Anna Porter Crowell (Andrew); son, Ryan Porter; two beloved grandchildren, Aubrey and Logan Crowell, all of Charlotte, NC; brother, Bill Porter (Anya Breitenbach), of Charleston, SC; father in-law and mother in-law who loved him as their own son, Richard and Barbara Downing, of Charlotte, NC; and multiple other close family members of his extended family.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Friday, September 18th, 2020, 2:00 PM at University City United Methodist Church (3835 W W.T. Harris Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28269) with viewing for friends and family one hour prior. An Asheville viewing for family and friends will be held at West Funeral Home (17 Merrimon Ave, Weaverville, NC 28787) on Saturday, September 19th, 2020, from 10:00am-1:00pm. The graveside service will be held Saturday, September 19th, 2020, 2:00 PM in Asheville at Ashelawn Garden of

Memory (901 Aiken Rd, Asheville, NC 28804).

The family asks that all attending keep the health and safety of others in consideration while attending services during Covid-19. In addition to precautions in place, please wear a face covering so that all can safely celebrate Mark's life. For those unable to attend either celebration, a live stream of the Friday service can be viewed [here]<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Si3EKhM-9Oo&feature=youtu.be>

In hopes of finding a cure for the devastating disease that took Mark far too soon, memorials may be made to [The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center]<https://www.gifts.duke.edu/dukehealth/?designation=3912597> (Tisch Brain Tumor Center, DUMC Box 3624, Durham, NC 27710). Please indicate "In Memory of Mark Porter" so that your contribution will go towards Glioblastoma research efforts.

The family is being served by James Funeral Home of Huntersville, NC and West Funeral Home of Weaverville, NC.

# Cemetery

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## Ashelawn Gardens of Memory

901 Aiken Road  
Asheville, NC, 28804

# Events

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**SEP 18** **Viewing** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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University City U.M.C.  
3835 W W.T.Harris Blvd., Charlotte, NC, US,  
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**SEP 18** **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ God of us all, lift up the family of Mark Porter, and for all, anywhere, who mourn with us. To those who doubt, give light; to those who are weak, strength; to all who have sinned, mercy; to all who sorrow, your peace.

-A tribute from an old college friend

**Stewart Rapp** - September 17 at 10:47 PM



“ Dear Julie,

I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband. May you be comforted knowing so many others care and are keeping you close in prayer.

Love,  
Cyndi White

**Cyndi White** - September 18 at 11:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Hansen Porter.



September 17 at 09:26 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Hansen Porter.



September 17 at 08:01 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Hansen Porter.



September 17 at 01:50 PM

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“ Julie and family,

I am so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Joan Sprinkle

Joan Johnson Sprinkle - September 17 at 11:20 AM

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“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mark Hansen Porter.



September 17 at 09:56 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mark Hansen Porter.



September 17 at 09:41 AM

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“ Julie,

My heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your husband. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Carla E. Williams

Carla E Williams - September 17 at 08:53 AM

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“ I will miss Mark.

I close my eyes and I remember his warm smile when he greeted you, his glistening eyes when he saw humor in something only he might perceive, and his total focus on you when he was talking with you. Mark was always present. He was never waiting to talk, he was always listening because to Mark, you mattered.

My sincerest condolences to his family. For we who thought of him as friend, we were blessed by his life. The world is diminished by his passing but heaven is increased, I know he is in glory.

Bill Ross

Bill Ross - September 16 at 09:13 PM



“ Could not agree more. Mark saw humor or "made it" every chance he could. I sincerely enjoyed working with him and was blessed to have known him.

john perry - September 17 at 12:57 PM



“ Yes, I agree. Well said Bill.

Michael Martin - September 17 at 10:31 PM

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“ BILL MASTERS (JUNIOR) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mark Hansen Porter.



BILL MASTERS (JUNIOR) - September 16 at 06:22 PM

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“ Haven't seen Mark since grade school in Weaverville, he was one of my best friends during that time. I treasure him as one of those people who will imprint your life in the best of ways even though life's travels kept you miles apart. My thoughts are with Mark's family during this most difficult of times. We truly lost one of the best. God be with you.

Bill masters - September 16 at 06:12 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Hansen Porter.



September 16 at 04:55 PM

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“ I haven't been in close contact with Mark since we were in school but after reading these memory posts I see that not much had changed about Mark Porter. Intelligence, kindness, sense of humor, it's what I remember about my friend Mark. My heart aches for his family. He is gone much too soon.

Kathy Russell - September 16 at 03:41 PM

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“ Mark was my first boss at Fiberon. What a special person he was, with all his stories and such a funny guy. He will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Mary Hopkins - September 16 at 01:59 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Mark for 5+ years at Fiberon and during that time we became pretty close. He was such a smart, funny, and witty person. His love of his family showed through his kind words and stories he would often tell me. I will miss him very much. My most heartfelt condolences go out to his family. He truly was a unique man of God.

Patrick Holt - September 16 at 12:50 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mark Hansen Porter.



September 16 at 08:27 AM

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“ My heart and prayers are with you all: Julie, Stephanie, Anna, Ryan, and extended family. These prayers will continue in the difficult days and weeks ahead. Betsy Marshall

**betsy marshall** - September 15 at 09:37 PM

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“ Mr Porter was like a second Father and humored my insistence on being an honorary Porter. He has raised an amazing family and will be missed tremendously. I love you Mr P. Shannon

**Shannon Holland** - September 15 at 07:39 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Hansen Porter.



September 15 at 07:38 PM

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“ Suzanne Martin lit a candle in memory of Mark Hansen Porter



**Suzanne Martin** - September 14 at 12:53 PM



“ What a gift to have been able to have Mark in my life. One of my first friends in childhood - as cousins often are. I always appreciated his dry sense of humor and of course his kindness. Gone much too soon. Until we met again.

**Suzanne Martin** - September 14 at 01:13 PM



“ Julie and family,  
So sorry to hear about Mark's passing. We share in your sadness and sending prayers during this difficult time. Wishing you peace and comfort in the days ahead.  
Love, Donna and Kelley Dickson

**Donna** - September 14 at 03:28 PM



“ One of my favorites of my many cousins that would gather at Grandmama and Granddaddy Martin's little house. Such an intelligent, great guy with such a great sense of humor. Our loss but heaven's gain.

**Darla Russell** - September 14 at 08:27 PM



“ Smart, witty and much loved by his many cousins. I will miss seeing that gleam in his eyes and sly little grin on his face before he'd give me a hug whenever we'd greet each other. I thank God for creating such a wonderful soul. Until we meet again .....

**Mary Beth** - September 15 at 06:38 AM



“ Mark was a great co-worker and even better friend. He was as meticulous about the care he extended to others as he was in everything else. We will all miss him, his humor, his assurance that 'It is well with my soul'.

**Scott Horner** - September 16 at 08:20 AM



“ Julie, Stephanie, Anna and Ryan, my heart aches for all of you. It's so incredibly sad to learn of Mark's untimely death. His suffering has ended and he is being cradled in the arms of our creator, but those left behind must bear the burden of grief. My prayer for you is that the sharing of funny stories and remembering fun times together in the coming days will bring happy tears. May God continue to bless you greatly and comfort you in His special way. Love to all!

Melinda Fair

**Melinda Fair** - September 16 at 02:08 PM



“ It was our privilege to know and work with Mark. We loved his sense of humor and there was never a dull moment around him. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family.

John and Melinda Waldrop

**Melinda Waldrop** - September 16 at 02:28 PM



“ OMG, this is such a shock to my heart and soul. I spoke to this man frequently at Fiberon and bragged about his professional wit, gosh was he so funny in such a dry and quick way and there was no one smarter than he! There was nobody who could lay his finger on "the heart of the matter" quicker than Mark. I send my condolences to his family; my heart is broken! The O Man.

**Paul O'Reilly** - September 16 at 08:11 PM



“ I consider myself so lucky to have met him, worked with him, chatted with him, and learned from him. The world was definitely a better place with him in it. He is in a better place now but we are not. I will always, always cherish his memory. I truly believe he will continue living among us in some form, never forgotten.

My deepest condolences to his family, to Julie, wish you all the strength in the world.

**Zehra Birsan** - September 17 at 03:03 AM