



James Allen Porter

January 2, 1935 - January 3, 2023

James Allen Porter, Jr., 88, of Houston, Texas, affectionately known as JP to his family and friends, passed away on January 3, 2023. JP was born on January 2, 1935, in Longview, Texas to parents James and Johnnie Porter. He was preceded in death by his parents, son James Keith Porter, and his sisters Freda Trott and Aileen Lee. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, of 67 years; children, Susan Porter Leigh and spouse Jerry Leigh, and Jeffrey Allen Porter and spouse Cynthia Porter; grandchildren, Jeffrey Jason Porter, Mathew J Larsen Porter and spouse Kelly Porter, Kyle J Allen Porter, Jerry Porter Leigh and spouse Erica Leigh, Kaitlin Jan Porter, Andrew Marlon Leigh and spouse Grace Leigh, and Joseph David Alexander Porter; great-grandchildren, Jack Allen Porter, Austin Elizabeth Porter, and Wesley Porter Leigh.

JP grew up in Meridian, Mississippi where he graduated from Meridian High School before attending LeTourneau College in Longview, Texas. He later entered the United States Army where he was stationed at Fort Devens and Fort Monmouth. During his working life, JP held various engineering leadership roles and graduated from the University of Houston's Executive Development Program. He then went on to obtain numerous executive management roles at Apex, Mandrel, Geo Space, and Litton Resources Systems. Throughout his career JP secured five patents in the United States.

JP enjoyed boating, camping, motorcycling, and recreational aviation through

being a private pilot, as well as building and flying remote-controlled airplanes which led him to become a member of the New Waverly Flying Club.

JP was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. JP and Jenny started out with meager beginnings and ended up as world travelers with comfortable lifestyles. JP fought a strong battle against Parkinson's.

The family will hold a celebration of life honoring JP in the near future. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. (www.michaeljfox.org)

Tribute Wall



“ *James Allen Porter*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *James Allen Porter*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *James Allen Porter*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *James Allen Porter*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM

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“ My friend Jim will be missed. Such a kind person, I know he loved me like a son! I met Jim in the late 70s or early 80s at different Radio Control fields in Houston and Sugar land. I remember one field was Scobee field in Houston. I now live in Idaho. I am 66 years young, time flies. Crowds use to watch Jim fly his planes, no one better then Jim! I finally went up to Jim one day and asked him to teach me how to fly like he fly's. He said absolutely and put his arm around me and had a buddy cord attached to my radio. Jim and I would meet for years on the weekends. I was a good pilot BUT I never could figure out how to fly planes like Jim. I remember in the mid 80s, I had a 200MPH fiberglass Pylon racer that was difficult to fly and control so I brought it to Jim to fly. Jim almost wouldn't give it back. WOW! he flew it like a PRO. I ended up smashing it up about a month later at \$2,000.00. Our relationship went on for about 10 years. It was best thing that ever happened, I met Jerry Leigh first racing Radio controlled boats and Jerry introduced me to Susan which was the best thing that ever happened. Jerry Jr and I are tight and we work together with Susan. Jim, GOD BLESS YOU and GOD is with you, rest is peace my friend! - Jerry Rega

Jerry - January 09, 2023 at 05:48 PM