



Ernest J. Porter

May 1, 2009

Conway...Ernest J. Porter, age 53, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, May 1, 2009 after a long and courageous battle with ALS. Mr. Porter was born in Conway, a son of Ernest Eugene and Jessamine Long Porter. He was a member of Maple Baptist Church where he served as a Sunday School Teacher for 28 years. Mr. Porter served as a Deacon and was named Deacon Emeritus. He was a Royal Ambassador Leader and was active in the church bus ministry. Mr. Porter also served in other leadership roles at the church. Prior to retirement, he was employed by Verizon for 25 years. He was a graduate of the University of South Carolina-Coastal Carolina College and was an avid Gamecock fan. The family would like to extend a special "thanks" to Dr. Charles Sasser and the staff of Mercy Hospice and Palliative Care for the wonderful care and support they gave Ernest and his family. Surviving in addition to his parents of Conway are: his wife, Gwyn E. Porter of Conway; one son, Josh Porter and wife Melanie of Conway; one daughter, Jessica P. Stalvey and husband Harold of Galivants Ferry; three grandchildren, D'Lorah Stalvey, Adysen Stalvey and Evan Porter; one brother, Henry Porter of Conway; one sister, Joanne Morris and husband Jeff of Conway; inlaws, Jack and Lois Eargle, Rev. Jeff Kersey and wife Lynn of Lexington, SC, Susan and Rick Soucy of Conway; nieces and nephews, Ashley Kersey, Aaron Kersey, Jared Soucy, Maddie Soucy, Katie Porter, and Ashley Rouhselang; and special brother in Christ, Frankie Lanier of Green Sea. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM Sunday at Maple Baptist Church with Rev. Gary Reeves, Rev.

Thomas Rickenbaker, Pastor Dave Rickert and Rev. Jeff Kersey officiating. Burial will follow in Thompson Cemetery directed by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 PM Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be sent to A.L.S. Association of South Carolina, 1064 Gardner Road, Suite 101, Charleston, SC 29407 or to Maple Baptist Church Building Fund, 4800 Hwy. 65, Conway, SC 29526 or to Mercy Hospice & Palliative Care, PO Box 50640, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Gwen & Family, I just wanted to let you know that you all are in my prayers daily. I think about you a lot. I know you feel lost, but just think, Ernest is in a much better place than we are and he is whole again. He is up there in heaven, walking around, meeting everone, talking about who knows what. Maybe going fishing. Maybe I can get to see you one day soon. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love you, Dianne Blackburn LPN, Mercy Hospice. Take Care.!!!##imported-begin##Dianne Blackburn##imported-end##

May 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Gwyn I'm so saddened to hear of Ernest's passing. I was unaware of his struggles. I fondly remember the times we spent together. I always enjoyed being around him. Unfortunately, as we move around we lose track of those folks in our lives that gave us joy and Ernest of one of those folks.##imported-begin##Mike Jordan##imported-end##

May 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Ms Jess, I was so sadden today to read the Horry Independent and see where Little Ernest had passed away. I know your heart is broken. I know God doesnt give us anything we can't handle. I cried because it broke my heart for you. You and the family did such a great job taking care of him. You and the family are in my prayers. Dr Charles Sasser did great with both Dr Wellons and Jackie. We couldnt have had any better. Take Care. Love Mickey##imported-begin##Mickey Thompkins-Wellons##imported-end##

May 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Gwyn & family: My thoughts & prayers are with you. Though you know Ernest is with our Lord, I know you miss him. We offer our prayers for peace & comfort to you.##imported-begin##Debbie Yarborough Walters##imported-end##

May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Porter Family, Please know that we share your loss and pray that all of you will rejoice in knowing Ernest is with the Lord and you will see him again! We are keeping you in our prayers and hope that you will lean on the everlasting arm of our Lord and Savior during this sad time. God Bless, Doug & Mary Mercer##imported-begin##Doug & Mary Mercer##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Just last week I was sharing the brochure from MERCY Hospice with our church secretary. I shared with her about the Eargel family and having attended school with the Porter children. I am grateful for the witness of Earnest and your family during these difficult times and know that how we respond as Christians during difficult times is as affective a witness one might have. I am grateful for the witness of your entire family. Sorry, I just learned of this on May 5 or else would have responded in a more supportive way. Gods strength to you all!##imported-begin##Larry Allen##imported-end##

May 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Gwyn, We have the wonderful memories of a Great Boss and most of all a Best Friend to us both! We want to live out our Friendships with you to the fullest, because of our promise made to Ernest, that we would always be there to help comfort you. We will always cherish our times together and the memories will always linger. We Love you dearly! You and Ernest raised wonderful children, whom we Love as our own.##imported-begin##jim & Lisa Kleckley##imported-end##

May 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Gwen & family, What a great testimony of love you all have shown through Ernests' illness. With love, Buddy, Teresa, & Brooks##imported-begin##Teresa H. Cox & family##imported-end##

May 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I'd like to express my condolences to the family of Ernie Porter. Jim Martin - Verizon##imported-begin##Jim Martin##imported-end##

May 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jack, Lois, Gwen and Porter family: My deepest sympathy to you in the loss of Ernest. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. God Bless##imported-begin##Tessa Edmondson##imported-end##

May 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Gwen and family, I feel so blessed to have known Ernest. His testimony is one we should all strive to obtain. His faith through this dreaded disease never ceased to amaze me. I left his funeral, the one he planned, feeling proud to have known him. The 4 F's faith, family, friends, and the future were all addressed and evident in what the clergy said, the video showed, by the number of friends there, by your loving family, etc., etc. Ernest did live "the dash" to the fullest and wanted to make sure everyone else lived their lives in a way which assured their eternity with Jesus! My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you through the days ahead. Cherish the loving memories!!!##imported-begin##Robin McCormick Simmons##imported-end##

May 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Gwen, Jessica & Josh, we are so sorry to hear of Ernest's passing but know he was a true man of faith. I will never forget the time when Jessica ,Josh Frank & Jarrod were in a car wreck that pretty mustang and Ernest stayed at mthe hospital just to make sure Frank was ok. Gwen, you and Ernest raised two wonderful children- I am so glad that Frank knows you all. My heart goes out to you and I will keep you in my prayers during this time.##imported-begin##Lee & Tracey Peters##imported-end##

May 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I know this is a hard time for all right now and I wish I could hug the hurt away. Having Ernest as a brother in Christ is a blessing I will always be grateful for. He touched my heart in so many ways by simply 'being' there sometimes, I could look out and see him and think how God uses the weak to convict the strong. But he was also one of the strongest men I have ever met. He makes me want to be better and I like who I am because I knew him. Thank you God for Ernest.##imported-begin##Pamela Clark##imported-end##

May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Gwynn, I am so sorry to hear about Ernest. He fought a long and hard fight and did it well. I have very good memories from Sunday School Class with him as our leader..He will always be remembered as a man with a BIG HEART..You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.. We love you, Annette,Mindy and Sherri##imported-begin##Annette Norris Davis##imported-end##

May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Gwyn and family - I will keep all of you in prayer as you mourn the loss of husband and father. I know you are comforted knowing his personal relationship with our Savior has allowed him eternity with Christ. In Him Kim Jenerette I Cor. 10:13##imported-begin##Kim Jenerette##imported-end##

May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a Blessing Heaven has recieved with their newest member. Because of Mr.Ernest and the R.A.'s, I live for JESUS everyday. Mr. Ernest was a big reason why I accepted the LORD. Be proud to know he did what GOD has commissioned us to do here on earth. Mr.Ernest will be missed,but not forgotten. Remember we are not a finished product until we go through trials and pain. May GOD comfort you all. We will keep you all in our prayers.##imported-begin##Ryan Rowell and Family##imported-end##*

May 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joanne and family, Sorry to hear of Ernest passing. I know he has suffered a long time and fought the battle with more courage than I could have. "Well done good and faithful service". You and your family are in our prayers. Bobbie McLaurin and Scott Graham##imported-begin##Barbara McLaurin Graham##imported-end##*

May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr & Mrs. Porter - My condolences in the loss of your wonderful son. Gwen, my heart goes out to you for standing by your man through sickness and in health. I lost my husband, Bill Hughes, when he was only 55. We never know what tomorrow will bring. We can only live through it one day at a time. Jessica & Josh and your families, I am so sorry that you have lost your father and grandfather. I pray that God will give you strength and help heal your broken hearts. I know that all of you have suffered with broken hearts as you watched him suffer. Having been your next door neighbor, I remember Jessica & Josh as young children. I'm not sure that I would recognize them today. I have fond memories of Ernest. Before Ernest got sick, I remember how thoughtful he always was and how he would always come over to help with yard work whenever he saw Bill struggling to saw a fallen tree, etc. My love and prayers go out to all of you and also to those who have lost their brother and friend. Ernest is a man worthy of remembrance##imported-begin##Linda Hughes DeLuca##imported-end##

May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Gwen; I am so sorry for your loss .My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. I pray Jesus will embrace you and comfort you during this unbearable time. As time passes, the pain will ease, but your memories of Ernest will last forever.##imported-begin##Robert Shelley##imported-end##

May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Gwyn, Jessica, Josh, Mrs. Porter, Henry, and Jo Ann I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I understand that Ernest fought the good fight. I know you will miss him greatly. My prayer is that the Lord will comfort you during these next few days and months. Because of His Great love, Steve###imported-begin###Steve Eargle###imported-end##

May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Gwynn and Family, I was so saddened for you when I heard of Earnest's death.. May you feel the comfort our our Lord as he holds onto you through the coming days. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you deal with your terrible loss. Ernest was a great man and he will surely be missed. Sincerely Nancy Shelley Langford###imported-begin###Nancy Shelley Langford###imported-end##

May 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM