

## Leroy Porter

July 29, 1945 - August 18, 2023

Leroy Porter was born July 29, 1945 in Norfolk, Virginia to the late Cleveland Porter and Arneedia Porter. Leroy is preceded in death by his parents and a wife Philamenia Porter. He matriculated through Norfolk Public School System. Leroy was a member of the United States Navy for a total of 3 years. While serving our country, he was aboard the U.S.S Intrepid (CVS-11) during the Vietnam War.

He was united in holy matrimony to Stephania G. Porter on June 25, 1983. Leroy Porter is survived by Stephania G. Porter (Wife), Melody Trainer, Muriel Brown (Frankie), Darryl Porter (Carolyn), Don Porter (Angela), Dean Porter (Trinnetta), Miai Porter-Riddick (James), 19 grandchildren: Sharita, Wenetta, Dominique, Darryl Jr., Aaron, Ciarra, Corey, Donovan, Paris, Frankie Jr., Desteni, Delaney, Jaylen, Heavyn, Angel, Elijah, Micaiah, Simone and Jalai, 17 great grandchildren, one sister Berdie McNair, special sister-in-law Charlene Felton, Best friend James M. McCullough, Jr., special daughters Stephanie Austin-Smith (Bruce) and Karrin Drake. As well as a host of loving nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Leroy worked in Shop 72 as a Rigger at Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was such an outstanding Rigger, one who was dedicated and committed to his job. Several years later Leroy received a promotion and became a Loft Mechanic. Due to his exemplary performance

as a Rigger and later a Loft Mechanic, he became a Training Instructor. Being a training Instructor was one of his greatest achievements being able to teach others and share his knowledge. Leroy was also a part of a Tiger Team that traveled multiple places to include overseas. He was called "Mr. Overtime" by his shop buddies because he worked a lot of overtime to care for his children. Leroy was highly efficient at his job and knew the technical aspects of his job. Because of his astute knowledge and dedication along with his attention to detail, and exceptional performance in all his previous jobs combined; years later, he was promoted to Shop Planner, Rigger Supervisor, and Drydocking Specialist respectfully. He was well respected at the shipyard. He was a "No Nonsense" type of person. He always took his array of jobs seriously along with his dedication to his family.

During his tenure at the Shipyard, he took James M. McCullough Jr. "whom we affectionately call Uncle Mac" under his wings and mentored him along with a superpower lady named Lolita Lee. \*He took great care of his work employees, always caring about their wellbeing.

As a member of Brighton Rock AME Zion Church, Leroy was a member of Class #4 and served as a member of the Trustee Ministry from 2010-2022. He also was a member of the Culinary Ministry, a Life Member of the Lay Council and a Honorary Member of the Life Members Council of the Missionary Society. He also served on the Ethel Cheek Usher Board.

Leroy was a devoted husband, loving father and loyal friend. Family was so important to him always ensuring that his family was well taken care of. He was always concerned about the well-being of others. You'll often hear him say, "You alright?!" When he considered you a friend you had a friend for life. Leroy loved to throw some food on the grill, fry fish or grab some crabs. All so he could see the smile on the faces of others. He was also a fan of grabbing

“SNACKS” at night. We will miss his laugh, rapid fire jokes and his infectious smile. However, we know he's at peace and in no more pain.

Special Acknowledgements: The family would like to express heartfelt thanks to the Hampton Veterans Administration Medical Center, Commonwealth Senior Living Facility, Sentara Leigh Hospital and J.T. Fisher Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 30.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

**AUG 31.** 12:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



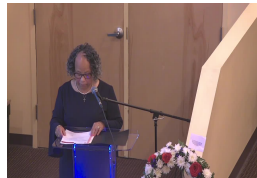
“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Leroy Porter*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - September 01, 2023 at 09:12 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Celebration Service*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 31, 2023 at 01:29 PM

EH

*Prayers for the family. From the Hill Family of Roper, North Carolina*

Eric Hill - August 31, 2023 at 02:47 PM

SS

“ *Sheri Scott-Cooley lit a candle in memory of Leroy Porter.*



Sheri Scott-Cooley - August 31, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leroy Porter.*



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August 30, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *We met Leroy through our brother, Howard Carr, Sr. Leroy & Howard were like brothers. Leroy always had a pleasant smile and joyful welcome whenever we saw him. Our prayers and heart-felt symptom go out to the Porter family. May God's Grace & Mercy strengthen & comfort you during this time..*

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**Albertha Olivia Johnson** - August 30, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *Albertha Johnson lit a candle in memory of Leroy Porter*



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**Albertha Olivia Johnson** - August 30, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leroy Porter.*



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August 29, 2023 at 08:19 PM

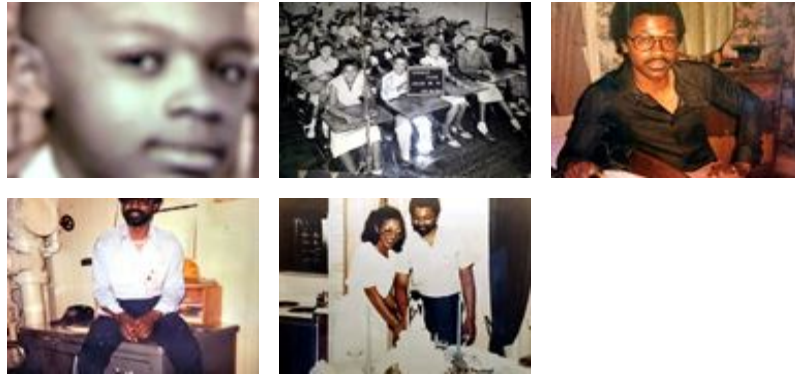
DB

“ Dr B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leroy Porter.

Dr B. - August 29, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 29, 2023 at 03:20 PM

TN

“ My prayers are with the Porter family, I have always called my family. Leroy you will truly be missed and I thank you for all you did for me and my son., out of the body into the presents of lord, you will always be in our hearts.

Terrie Newsome - August 29, 2023 at 10:48 AM

AR

“ Prayers and condolences to Stephanie and family in their loss. May Tod's love and fod memories comfort and sustain you in the days ahead.



Andrew Ryan - August 28, 2023 at 03:46 PM

VF

“ I came to know Brother Leroy through my wife Joyce Fitzgerald and the Epps family. I found him to be genuine brother. May he rest from his labor to his heavenly rewards. Our condolences Stephanie & family.

Victor & Joyce Fitzgerald

Victor Fitzgerald - August 26, 2023 at 04:13 PM

MB

Sorry for your loss Murray and Glendale Boone what a great Man he was I knew him in Navy yard and out

Murray Boone - August 28, 2023 at 12:07 PM



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



August 26, 2023 at 12:54 PM

AE

“ Aquila E. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Leroy Porter.



Aquila E. - August 24, 2023 at 07:03 PM

AE

“ Aquila E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leroy Porter.

Aquila E. - August 24, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Leroy Porter.*



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August 24, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leroy Porter.

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August 24, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *To our Sister, Friend, Classmate and the entire Porter Family*

*You all have our deepest Sympathy and Unwavering support, wishing you Comfort, the Peace of God and lots of Love!!!*

*Our hearts, prayers, go out to you Stephanie & Family during this difficult time.*

*Condolences Gates County High School Classmates ♡*

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**GCHS Classmate's** - August 23, 2023 at 02:33 PM



“ *Colby T. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Leroy Porter.*



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**Colby T.** - August 23, 2023 at 01:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leroy Porter.*



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August 23, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leroy Porter.

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August 23, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Leroy Porter.*



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August 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leroy Porter.*



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August 22, 2023 at 03:22 PM

TA

“ Uncle Leroy has blessed many lives. He was the best uncle one could ever encounter. Uncle Leroy nurtured my sister and me (as his own) each summer we spent in Virginia; while growing up. I will always cherish those special memories. Words cannot express my sincere appreciation .

*Uncle Leroy will be missed immensely; but loved always.*

*"The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time."*

*-Mark Twain*

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**Tara** - August 22, 2023 at 12:08 PM

PW

“ Our condolences to Stephanie and the family of Leroy. We are saddened and devastated by the loss of of Leroy. We will continue praying for all of you.

*Love,*

*Pastor Don & Lady E.*

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**Pastor Don & Earnestine Whitfield** - August 22, 2023 at 11:15 AM

LM

*Our deepest and sincerest condolences Sis. Porter and the entire Porter family. I was blessed and privileged to serve as Bro. Porter's pastor. He was a faithful and dedicated disciple of Brighton Rock A.M.E. Zion church. Sis. Porter, even though your heart is heavy, I know you take comfort in knowing that Leroy is now resting from his labors, and you'll see him again in the rapture some sweet day. Keeping you and the family lifted in prayer!!!  
Pastor Meekins and First Lady Shawn*

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**Lorenza Meekins** - August 24, 2023 at 10:41 AM

JD

*To the Family of Leroy Porter My sincerest condolences, Leroy was one of the finest men you could ever meet or work with he was very knowable in the riggin trade . Leroy allways had a kind word for everone he met,even after retiremen,when leroy seen you it was like a long lost brother had return. Leroy is with God now and will be missed.. My Brother in god.*

*J. W. Buddy Denmark August 28 2023*

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**joel Denmark** - August 28, 2023 at 01:30 PM

SB

*To the Family of Leroy Porter,*

*My heart ached for y'all when I heard the news.  
Our Fathers was like brothers. Their friendship was unbreakable. To Mrs. Stephanie, I pray that God give you the strength you need during your loss.  
I will continue to keep each of you in prayer.*

*The Family of the late Rev. Willie Cuffee  
(Iva, Sinese, Marchett and Banitta)*

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**Sinese Brooks** - August 30, 2023 at 05:40 PM