



## Pastor James T. Porter

November 24, 1947 - May 21, 2024

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” II Timothy 4:7-8

A person’s legacy is defined by the lives they touch and the footprints they leave in our hearts. Today, we celebrate the life and legacy of

~Pastor James T. Porter~

He was called home on May 21, 2024, to be with the Lord.

Pastor James T. Porter was born November 24, 1947, in Courtland, Virginia. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior in the year of 1969. Later that year, he and his family attended Holy Light Church of Deliverance, Portsmouth, VA under the leadership of Bishop Samuel L. Carruth. He served on the Deacon board, and the finance committee, taught Sunday school, and served faithfully in other duties with his pastor. In 1970, Pastor James T. Porter attended the Jameson Bible Institute in Philadelphia. He successfully passed the course of study in General Theology I., receiving his diploma as a symbol of Scholastic Excellence in the Christian Department, on June 1, 1972. His teacher was the late Dr. H.O. Jameson, President of Jameson

Institute. Pastor Porter was called into the ministry in the year of 1980. January 17, 1987, Pastor Porter received his Certificate of License and Ordination into The Gospel Ministry and was led by God, with his wife, children, and a few members, he started in the home. As the church grew, he moved out and started sharing a church with Bishop Tizwell of Portsmouth, VA. Later in the year, Pastor moved the church to Chesapeake, VA where the church continued to grow. On August 25, 1995, Pastor James T. Porter received his Certificate of Training for Service and became a Registered Teacher of Standard Courses in Leadership Training Programs. He also received his certificate for completion in church growth and Christian education, on November 15, 1995, under the instruction of Joanne Hopton of the Training for Service Institute. Lastly, in September

2017, Pastor Porter received his Ministry Training Certificate "Overcoming the Jezebel Spirit" training at the Apostolic Equipping Institute.

Pastor James T. Porter was a man of wisdom and loved to study God's word. He was passionate about bringing souls to Christ and loved witnessing the goodness of God. God continued to bless and bring the vision to pass. He loved to see souls being saved, the sick healed, and substance abusers being delivered and set free by the power of God. His ministry was truly built on the revealed word of God by the anointed power of God, which causes yokes to be broken. It is written, Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone, But By Every Word That Proceedeth Out of The Mouth Of God (Matthew 4:4).

Pastor James T. Porter retired after 30 years from Norfolk Southern Railroad. He was preceded in death by his father and stepmother Theodore and Alice Mae Turner, one brother Joseph Porter, and one sister Doris Ann Porter. He is survived by Dorothy P. Fleetwood, Veronica Thorpe, and Bobbie Cotton.

He leaves to cherish memories to his loving wife of 57 years Lutto Luetta

Porter. Within that union, they have six children; Luetta Jean Dash, Alesis Reeves, James T. Porter, Jr., Patricia Hardy, Carl Porter (Kyia), and Carolyn McKnight (William Jr.); eleven grandchildren James Dugas, Eddie Dash, Jr., Jermaine Dash, Pamela Porter, De'Andre Reeves, Danielle Hardy, Daniel Hardy, Gabrielle Hardy, Carl Porter, Jr., Sherri Harris, and Clarence Porter; ten great-grandchildren; thirteen siblings Carl (Barbara), Rosa Lee (Vaughn), Glyn (Bruce), Alton, Early, Michael (Linda), Celestia (Amos), Theoria (Jeff), Alvin (Hope), Ed, Carol, Sarah, and Flotilla; a special daughter Bristel White; a special granddaughter Starr White; one great aunt Laura Chambliss of New York, two brothers in law Larry Gallup, Frank Spence, one sister in law Mabel Stephens, and host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

**MAY 30.** 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethany Baptist Church  
2587 Campostella Rd.  
Chesapeake, VA 23324

# Tribute Wall



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



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - June 17, 2024 at 06:10 PM



“ *My heart was hurt when I heard of the passing of the Man of God. Pastor Porter for me was one of the few remaining Pastor's that really made an impact on my walk with Christ. I loved to hear him preach. My fondest memories of him is when he'd come to Divine Holiness during Church anniversary. The Man of God would preach the whole house happy 😊 My heartfelt Condolences go out to the Porter Family, New Assembly and all who grieve this great loss. Deacon Terry Jefferson*

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**Terry Jefferson** - May 31, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ *John W. Mayer Jr purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pastor James T. Porter.*



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**John W. Mayer Jr** - May 30, 2024 at 04:33 AM

JJ

“ John W. Mayer Jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor James T. Porter.

John W. Mayer Jr - May 30, 2024 at 04:33 AM

ML

“ Our condolences to the family and friends of Pastor Porter. He is and always will be my 1st Pastor. It was while I was a young girl that I received the gift of salvation while attending New Assembly. I thank God for him and how he was a blessing to my family and I. Words can't express the heartfelt grief that we all feel with his passing. The world has lost one of God's treasures but Heaven has gained another eternal light. Family, I pray that God will comfort you and be near unto you as He has promised. This Man of God will truly be missed but never forgotten.

Love,  
Marshewell Lawrence-Turner

Marshewell Lawrence-Turner - May 29, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor James T. Porter.



May 29, 2024 at 09:15 AM

LF

“ Love, Marshewell Lawrence-Turner& Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pastor James T. Porter.

Love, Marshewell Lawrence-Turner& Family - May 29, 2024 at 09:15 AM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 28, 2024 at 08:15 PM

EB

“ I'm saddened to here of the calling away of my beloved Pastor: James T.Porter you will be deeply missed I remember the love that you've shown toward me all these years now God has a better plan so live on in the arms of Lord...

Evangelist Marilyn Basnight - May 28, 2024 at 05:25 PM

TH

“ Condolences to the entire family! Tony Houde & Family!

Tony Houde - May 28, 2024 at 05:06 PM

TB

“ I will never forget the calmness about James even his smile to me was calm but when I saw him in the pulpit the first time, he was on fire preaching the word of God. I was so proud how he let God use him. I thank God for the time I did get to share with my brother even his last days here on earth. My condolences to all of our family. Our chain is missing a link but not broken. Love you all. We know that God got us!!

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**Theoria Mae Barnes** - May 25, 2024 at 10:31 AM

SP

“ I offer my deepest condolences to you and your family as you navigate through this time of loss. The departure of your loved one has surely left a void that words cannot fill, but please know that you are not alone in your grief. May the memories you shared bring you some comfort and may the love that surrounds you provide solace in the days ahead. Wishing you strength, peace, and healing as you mourn the loss of your beloved Pastor James Porter.

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**Shanita Patillo** - May 25, 2024 at 12:14 AM