



James Kenneth Porter

April 6, 1934 - April 5, 2021

James Kenneth Porter age 86 of Newport passed away on Monday April 5, 2021 at his home in Newport.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Janet R. Porter , daughter Janie C, Porter, son James Kenneth Porter, Jr, and Paula King, grandchildren James Kenneth (Trey) Porter, Katie Porter Fischer and her husband Michael also Kathy L. Porter mother of the grandchildren also several nieces and nephews. Special thanks to Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice especially Sydney and Carla.

Private family graveside services will be in Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to a charity of your choice in Mr. Porter's memory. Family and friends may sign the guest register at Manes Funeral Home or online at:www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

KS

“ Judge Porter was a good man he saved my Life i guess , I am thankful i was able to thank him and remind him of that moment when he came to my restaurant in wears valley i believe they had a family reunion i believe in 2004 2095 or 2006 really don't remember the year Good Man RIP Judge Porter oh yea when i told him of the incident he just laughed said he remembered it i thanked him it was a great moment God is Great 🙏🙏🙏

keith E Cole Sr. - May 25, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ James Kenneth Porter

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM

CM

“ Cindy Miller lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Porter



Cindy Miller - July 01, 2021 at 03:31 AM

ET

“ Always a wonderful conversationalist.
He will be greatly missed.
Condolences to the family.

Ellen Turner - April 21, 2021 at 02:22 PM

KM

“ Dear Janet, I was very sorry to hear about Judge Porter passing. He was always very nice and caring to me. I have always admired both of you.

Kathy McCarter - April 18, 2021 at 05:40 PM

JG

“ So sorry to here of Kenneth's passing. Thoughts and prayers for you all.

Jackie Gorrell - April 14, 2021 at 05:29 PM

DG

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy and heartfelt thoughts. We will miss the many times Judge Porter told stories & laughter filled the room. Wishing you God's peace. Dr.McDonald & Jenean Gray

Dr. McDonald & Jenean Gray - April 14, 2021 at 06:05 AM

SM

“ Jim and families, my sincere condolences.



Sandy McCarter - April 12, 2021 at 03:50 PM

DF

“ My sincere condolences. Praying for comfort and peace for you and your family.

Debbie Fullington - April 11, 2021 at 09:25 AM

CK

“ Was one of the highlights of my day when my phone would ring and I would see Judge Porter pop up on the caller id. I looked forward to hearing the laugh and the words, “hey coach, I have done it again”. I will miss my friend.

Casey Kelley - April 10, 2021 at 08:14 PM

ST

“ Dear Mrs. Porter, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers in your time of grief.

~Susan Trent Terock

Susan Trent Terock - April 10, 2021 at 02:17 PM

MJ

“ Ken was a friend. I did some work for him and vividly remember his voice and laugh. His stories certainly kept my attention. I talked to him regularly as he took his walks at Lowe’s. Janet, May our lord provide you comfort and pease with the knowledge we will see Kenneth Porter again. Prayers for you and your family.

Michael Johnson - April 09, 2021 at 10:47 PM

CW

“ Condolences to the family.
Christine Whaley

Christine Whaley - April 09, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ He was always so kind and friendly every time I got to see him! A life well lived! Shari



Shari Perryman - April 09, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ We were saddened by the passing of Judge Porter. It was a joy to be around him and we were blessed to get to spend time with him in our Sunday School Class and Church.
Judge Kenneth Porter served our county, state and nation with honesty, impartiality and sound judgement, he will be missed by all of us. Prayers for all of his family.
Jack and Annette Parks





Jack and Annette Parks - April 09, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ I am very sorry about the passing of the Honorable Judge James Kenneth Porter. He was a very fine and fair Judge. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

John Rosson - April 09, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ God's blessings to the family. So sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful kind man . He will be greatly missed. Love Alma and Debra Susong and family. There is another angel  in heaven 
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Debra Susong - April 09, 2021 at 12:24 PM

FJ

“ I fondly recall Judge Porter from my days growing up in Newport, Tennessee, and since over the years when I made visits back home. He was always very kind and friendly toward me, which I greatly appreciated. Having lost my wife on July 26, 2020, I know firsthand the grief his family and friends will endure. I pray that the Good LORD will comfort them daily, as has been my comfort!

*Fred Gilbert Morrison Jr
Raleigh, North Carolina*

Fred G Morrison Jr - April 09, 2021 at 10:36 AM

BF

“ I was so sorry to hear of Judge Porter's passing. Prayers go out for all the family. I considered Ken a friend and always admired him. He was a Wonderful man for sure!
Bill Francis

Bill Francis - April 09, 2021 at 10:32 AM

DD

“ Ken Porter was not only an outstanding judge, legislator and friend. Having testified in his court room, you knew who ran court! Good bye Judge! Prayers of comfort for the family. You will be missed and take care of Ed Rhodes!

David Davenport - April 09, 2021 at 08:56 AM

ST

“ Sorry to the family for your loss.

Steve and Loretta Taylor - April 09, 2021 at 07:54 AM

IH

“ Janet
Our deepest condolences to you and family.
Whitey & Irene Hance

Irene Hance - April 08, 2021 at 10:43 PM

DH

“ We are very sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you all.

Dale & Faith Holt - April 08, 2021 at 10:20 PM

MS

“ Jim, so sorry to hear the passing of your Dad. Thinking of you and will be praying for you and your family. 🙏 Mike Sutton

Mike Sutton - April 08, 2021 at 08:29 PM

PP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends ! Cobb and I always enjoyed his mini concerts with the violin, his stories, and his jovial spirit!

Pauline Proffitt - April 08, 2021 at 05:39 PM

TM

“ Janet, my heart, my thoughts, and my prayers go out to you. You and Kenneth have been friends of mine forever; and our community will always miss The Judge. I loved to talk with you guys; ask questions, share memories. God bless you!

Tom Mooty - April 08, 2021 at 05:36 PM

JF

“ To all the family , we were very sorry to hear of the passing of Judge Porter .. He was always respectful to basketball officials at ballgames and had a kind word to say when we saw him walking at the park . We will keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers . James and Gail Frisbee



james frisbee - April 08, 2021 at 05:02 PM

JG

“ Ken Porter was a good man and a fine Judge. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

John Garrison - April 08, 2021 at 04:21 PM

SO

“ Janet, Janie, James and family: what a wonderful man Kenneth was. My dad (Tom O'Dell) really loved him like a brother. They could really tell some stories for sure..... and laugh and laugh. Ken was a true gentleman and loved his family unconditionally. He will be missed so much in our community. He helped sooooo many families here and EVERYONE respected him. I am so sorry. This is a terrible loss. I pray that God will give you strength and comfort in the upcoming days and months ahead. 🙏🙏❤️❤�



Susie O'Dell - April 08, 2021 at 02:20 PM

CR

“ We have lost a good man Kenneth you will be missed RIP



Cookie Ramsey - April 08, 2021 at 12:06 PM

DM

“ I was honored and privileged to have worked in Judge Porter's court for several years. He was a true gentleman, loved the law, and could tell some fantastic stories. He not only commanded respect, but it was well earned. My prayers for the family and may precious memories be a joy in the days ahead.

Dena McCollough

Dena McCollough - April 08, 2021 at 12:01 PM

FT

*Loved this man.
Frat brother, fellow beach bum, our spouses were/are lifelong friends.
Loved his family intensely, a host among hosts. Retired to violatate the violin and punish the piano- and loved him for it.
Janet, you know we lost Sara in November. God has blessed us to share life together!*

Forrest Teets - April 08, 2021 at 07:45 PM

DD

“ I have two early memories of the Porter family. The first was Mrs. Porter taking our Freshman English class to the Cocke County jail for a field trip. That was some 50 years ago and I have not forgotten it to this day. Also a couple years later she and Judge Porter opened their home to the Newport Teen Board in a show of compassion for a young girl the Board had taken under their wing and needed some help with hygiene. I remember Janie saying "we can take her to our house" and we were all made very welcome. Newport has lost a monarch but Heaven has gained an angel.

Debbie Chesteen Davis - April 08, 2021 at 10:54 AM

TG

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you All .
May God wrap his living arms of comfort around you & give you His peace .
Love Teresa Grooms

Teresa Grooms - April 08, 2021 at 10:47 AM

MP

“ Deepest sympathy. Betty Hall Potts and Mark Potts

Mark Potts - April 08, 2021 at 09:38 AM

RB

“ RHONDA BURGIN lit a candle in memory of
James Kenneth Porter



RHONDA BURGIN - April 08, 2021 at 09:23 AM

PS

“ *Deepest condolences.*
Brenda McMillan and Patty Evans Stephenson



Pat Stephenson - April 08, 2021 at 08:47 AM

SH

“ *Sending our condolences to you and your loved ones, Jeff and Vonda Grigsby*

Sheila Ivey Hill - April 08, 2021 at 08:35 AM

ST

“ *Sorry to the family for your loss.*

Steve and Loretta Taylor - April 08, 2021 at 03:41 AM

PE

“ *I am so very sorry to hear this news. I am praying for the family.*

Penny Ervin - April 08, 2021 at 12:58 AM

MT

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort in the coming day.*

Mae Testerman - April 08, 2021 at 12:18 AM

MC

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. Know that our prayers and thoughts are with the family during this difficult time and the days ahead.

Mary Ann & Jay Chrisman

Mary Chrisman - April 07, 2021 at 10:07 PM

DL

“ Prayers for all of the family. Judge Porter left a legacy of life and stories. We will miss him.
Kevin and Donna Lamb

Donna Lamb - April 07, 2021 at 08:41 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - April 07, 2021 at 07:51 PM

JB

“ A wonderful friend and so great for our City and County with his continued service throughout his lifetime. He will be missed by family and friends.

Jeanne Birdwell - April 07, 2021 at 07:15 PM

GM

“ *Deepest condolences to Janet and the family.
Gail and Paul*



gail metcalf - April 07, 2021 at 07:10 PM

JC

“ *Thoughts and prayers for all. I'm praying for comfort and peace for all.
Janie, my heart goes out to you, my dear friend. Your father was a special man and will be dearly missed.*

Jane Sluder Crosby

Jane Sluder Crosby - April 07, 2021 at 06:20 PM

JS

“ *My condolences to the family.
Judge Porter was always encouraging and a gentleman.*

Joyce Slagle - April 07, 2021 at 04:28 PM

TA

“ *Our hearts go out to you for the pain you're feeling right now. We're praying the Lord will surround you with His peace beyond understanding and His comforting arms to strengthen you during this difficult time.*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matt 5:4
With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy,
Jabo & Tammy Francis
Smoky Mountain Home Health & Hospice*

Tammy - April 07, 2021 at 03:07 PM

WS

“ If you had the opportunity to practice before Kenneth, he made you a better lawyer. He ran a tight courtroom and demanded respect for the law. He was a great lawyer and a great judge. Cocke County has lost a wonderful asset.

William Shults - April 07, 2021 at 01:59 PM

JM

“ With great sympathy for the family of Judge Porter.

*Judge John D. McAfee
Circuit Court Judge
8th Judicial District*

John D. McAfee - April 07, 2021 at 12:05 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Judge Porter. Our family sat very near them in the services at First Baptist, often on the same row. They were always kind and patient with our kids as they were growing up, and we will always fondly remember his encouragement and kindness. Our sympathy to Mrs. Porter and all the family. May the peace and comfort, and presence, of the Lord be yours in the days and months ahead. With love,
Don, Maureen, Emily, David, and Amy Smith

J. Donald Smith - April 07, 2021 at 12:03 PM

ST

“ Rest In Peace sir.

Steve Taylor - April 07, 2021 at 09:42 AM

AS

“ So sorry to hear about Judge Porters passing. I always enjoyed talking to him when he would come in the old Holiday Inn. He was always laughing and ready to share a kind word. Prayers for the family.

Arzella Mantooth Shelton - April 07, 2021 at 08:46 AM

GW

“ Janet I am so sorry for your loss, Kenneth was the sweetest kindest gentleman and will be missed by many. Prayers

Glenda Willis - April 07, 2021 at 08:44 AM

VB

“ A strong and devoted leader who will always be remembered for his decades of service! Our deepest sympathy to Janet and family.
Larry and Vickie

Vickie Butler - April 07, 2021 at 08:15 AM

ST

“ May the rest and Gods love surround his family.

Steve Taylor - April 07, 2021 at 08:10 AM

BH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Judge Porter was a fine man. Prayers for all of you.

Betsy Huff - April 07, 2021 at 08:03 AM

SC

“ Two special people in my life are no longer on North Street. Both shared the name Kenneth and were special in my life. Prayers and condolences to the Porter and Rhodes family. All of you are special to me.

Sandra Calfee - April 07, 2021 at 06:33 AM

RR

“ We are so sorry to hear this. Your family will be in our prayers and thoughts. Ricky and Tammy Reed

Ricky and Tammy Reed - April 07, 2021 at 06:29 AM

NO

“ Prayers for Porter family.



Nancy Owens - April 07, 2021 at 03:37 AM

JA

“ Creed and I are very sorry to hear of the Judge passing. He came by to see us to talk fiddle last summer. Creed had said last week he was bringing his fiddle up to see him.
Prayers for comfort and strength for you and your family Janet.

Jane - April 07, 2021 at 12:04 AM

GK

“ *Condolences*



Gary S. & Dorothy J. Kyker - April 07, 2021 at 12:01 AM

BD

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy*

Bud & Linda Dawson



Bud & Linda Dawson - April 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *He was such a wonderful person and was loved by a lot of people in Newport..May God bless his family and friends!❤️*

Donn and Annette Berney - April 06, 2021 at 07:59 PM

GB

“ *Groman Black lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Porter*



Groman Black - April 06, 2021 at 06:23 PM

JR

“ June Holt Russell lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Porter



June Holt Russell - April 06, 2021 at 06:17 PM

MC

“ My thoughts and prayers for the family, Judge Porter was a great man

Marty Coakley - April 06, 2021 at 05:58 PM

TR

“ Don't know a finer fellow in all our years here in the County. To Janet and the family our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We will miss Kenneth too. To be reunited in a far better life than this one. God has blessed him and welcomed him home.

Tom and Linda Rosberg - April 06, 2021 at 05:21 PM

JS

“ Our Deepest Sympathy
Doug & Joyce Shoemaker

Joyce Shoemaker - April 06, 2021 at 05:18 PM

RF

“ I have great respect for the late Judge. I remember he and my Dad playing the violin together on many occasions. Great memory. My prayers for you Janet and the kids.

Ray Fancher - April 06, 2021 at 04:34 PM

CM

“ Charles And Penny Murphy lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Porter



Charles and Penny Murphy - April 06, 2021 at 04:34 PM

RM

“ He was a great man! He showed me how to dive and he was a great golfer. I knew his family for 60 years! I just saw him this year and gave him a calendar!
The Minnick Family

Robert Collier Minnick - April 06, 2021 at 03:51 PM

LW

So sorry for your loss.He was such a wonderful man.Prayers for the families.

Lana & Charlie Williamson - April 10, 2021 at 09:12 PM

TR

Joan and I are very sad to learn of the Judge's death. He was a good friend to us and anytime we were in Newport and spent time with him it was always well spent. He and Janet were especially close to my parents and they really valued their friendship and company.

He will be missed and we send all our best to the family and friends.

Trey Runnion - April 12, 2021 at 11:16 PM