



## Paula R. Porter

December 13, 1933 - May 18, 2025

Paula R. Porter, 91, of Estero, FL, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2025, at the Frances Georgeson Hospice House after a brief illness.

She was born on December 13, 1933, in Kansas City, Missouri, the beloved daughter of the late William and Pauline (née Schoellkopf) Blessing. Paula was a graduate of Westport High School in Kansas City and began her professional career as a certified Comptometer operator with the Great Lakes Pipeline Company, where she worked for 10 years.

On August 22, 1959, Paula married the love of her life, Marvin E. Porter. The couple welcomed their first son in 1960 and went on to build a life centered around family, faith, and love. As Marvin advanced in his career with K-Mart, the Porters relocated ten times in 18 years, eventually settling in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. In 1996, they began wintering in Estero, Florida, and made it their permanent home in 2005.

Paula was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a member of the New Apostolic Church in Fort Myers, FL, and her faith was a guiding force throughout her life.

She is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Marvin E. Porter of Estero, FL; three sons, Larry M. Porter of Plano, TX, Donald W. Porter (Valerie) of The

Woodlands, TX, and John M. Porter (Pamela) of Exton, PA; and six cherished grandchildren: Andrew (Robin), Ryan, Alletta, Kira, Gillian, and John "Jack" Porter. She is also survived by her brother, John Blessing (Claire) of Leawood, KA and her cousin, Margaret Lamothe of Leawood, KA.

A memorial service to celebrate Paula's life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the New Apostolic Church, 10331 Deer Run Farms Rd., Fort Myers, FL 33966. Burial services were held at Sarasota National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105.

To sign Paula's guest register or leave condolences online, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home – Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Cemetery Details

## Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Apostolic Church  
10331 Deer Run Farms Rd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

# Tribute Wall

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“ *LaMothe Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paula R. Porter.*



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**LaMothe Family** - June 09, 2025 at 01:08 PM

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“ *I have known Marv and Paula for over 50 years. My wife ( now deceased) and I and our children Spent a lot of time together with their families. Marv and I worked for the same company for many years sometimes in the same city. We golfed, played cards, ate at each others house, and took vacations together. Rest in peace Paula Dennis Dorn*

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**DennisDorn** - May 22, 2025 at 10:10 AM

JB

“ *john w blessing lit a candle in memory of Paula Porter*



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**john w blessing** - May 22, 2025 at 09:26 AM

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“ With lots of love and prayers for the whole family. Very fond memories of a BBQ on the beach with them at their beach! Eric and Beth Ann Mott

Eric Mott - May 21, 2025 at 08:12 PM

GP

“ We first met Marvin and Paula in 2003 after we had just moved to Florida. We were neighbors living right next door. We became good friends very quickly and enjoyed many wonderful times together. We had lots of fun times just visiting on their lanai & enjoying dinner out together. Paula was the most enjoyable person we've even known. She always had a smile on her face, always upbeat, & never had anything negative to say about anyone. We knew her through sickness & health, and even in the difficult times, she never once complained! She was truly, a most precious lady! The last time we were with her was three months ago on Valentine's Day, when the four of us enjoyed a lovely dinner at Fleming's. Even though her health was failing, she was still happy, upbeat, and so enjoyable to be with! Paula Porter was a remarkable lady for sure! Her smile, kindness, faith, and love will be remembered by all who knew her. She will be dearly missed! Rest in peace dear friend! Lovingly.....Gary & Linda Pearson

Gary & Linda Pearson - May 21, 2025 at 04:32 PM

MM

“ Mike & Sandra Eggers, Lees Summit, MO lit a candle in memory of Paula Porter



Mike & Sandra Eggers, Lees Summit, MO - May 21, 2025 at 12:41 PM