



## Porter Mason Lee Jr.

December 14, 1926 - September 20, 2018

Porter Mason Lee, Jr. 91, of Bonita Springs, FL and a former resident of Hagerstown and Westminster, MD died Thursday, September 20, 2018 in Naples, FL. He was born December 14, 1926 in Harrisonburg, VA a son of the late Porter M. and Pauline C. (Conard) Lee. He had been a resident of Bonita Springs since 2013 and a winter resident since 1994.

He was a veteran of WWII having served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 – 1946. At the age of 17, he left high school and enlisted to serve his country. After the war, Porter finished high school and attended college.

Porter dedicated most of his life to the Boy Scouts of America serving as a Scoutmaster with troops in Hagerstown and Westminster, MD for 24 years. His interests included flying his WACO UPF7 biplane, traveling and construction.

He began his career with the C&P Telephone Company as a lineman which became Bell Atlantic and then Verizon. Porter retired from Verizon as a forecaster in 1988.

He is survived by his loving wife, Katherine Elise (née Reiblich) Lee; his son, Todd Mason Lee and his wife, Gina, his daughter, Dauphne Bitzel, his step-daughter, Holly Carver-Lee and his brother-in-law, Jack Herbert and his wife,

Joyce. He also leaves behind many beloved friends, cousins and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, John Wine Lee.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be celebrated on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 So. Tamiami Tr., Bonita Springs, FL. Additional services are being planned for Westminster, MD and will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to any Boy Scout Troop of your choice.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences 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.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Porter Mason Lee Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



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**Tom Sellman** - September 29, 2018 at 09:08 AM



*What a bunch of great guys.*

**Mark Arnold** - October 05, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ *So saddened to hear of Porter's passing. He was such an influence in the years of my youth with Troop 393. He taught me so much that I carried later in life - such a far reaching influence for the ages. The flight in the Waco's front-seat with Porter at the helm shall forever be etched as one of my most memorable youth experiences.*

*Blessings to the entire family.*

**Tom Sellman** - September 29, 2018 at 09:07 AM

RW

“ Todd and Dauphne - I have met very few people with such a zest for life as your father. He had so many interests and pursued them all with great energy and enthusiasm. I often think of him when I drive past the home he built on Bell Road. My fondest memory is when I stood admiring his Honda Goldwing and he encouraged me to take it out for a spin. I was reluctant to do so but he started it up, handed me a helmet and off I went. I immediately got the big bike bug and eventually was able to have my own Goldwing. May your sorrow turn to joy as you share memories of him today.

--- Russ Williams ---

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**Russell Williams** - September 27, 2018 at 09:02 AM

GR

“ How to wipe in the john at Broadcreek, climbing the big pine at Caldonia and Philmont bears in 68. What guy!

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**Grant** - September 26, 2018 at 05:32 PM

RA

“ Saddened to learn of Porter's passing. Regrettably, I only knew him for several years while we were both flying out of the banana field at Westminster, Maryland. No one could know Porter without liking him and respecting him. He was a pilot's pilot and always ready and willing to help someone. I expect Porter is dancing on the clouds in his Waco or Aeronca Champ. Thanks Porter for taking me to Southern Maryland in the Champ to see my Cessna 140 in March 1966. Coming back to Westminster that day got very interesting as we flew the Capital Beltway to read the road signs in heavy rain and low ceiling. Strong Tailwinds and God's Grace.

Randy Arbaugh

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**randy arbaugh** - September 26, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Porter Mason Lee Jr..*



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September 24, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ *Porter and I worked together at C&P Telephone in the 1960s. He was interested in many things and tried to do them all. When my wife and I visited his home he had the stripped down wing of his airplane in his basement. He was always the best dressed man on the sales force. His attitude made life exciting and his was a good friend. God bless his family and friends. ChrisJustis@msn.com*

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**chris justis** - September 24, 2018 at 09:42 AM



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**Steve Griswold** - September 23, 2018 at 06:41 PM

HL

Steve,

*You just lit up my morning as I sit here in mom and his place void of the most incredible man I've ever known. This was before I knew there was a Porter Lee... the one and only! This I know for certain was his happy place! I also know for certain that he spoke highly of you (daily!), and you shared an incredible friendship you were both blessed to have received in one's lifetime! look so forward to hearing and sharing more of Porters legacy (and photos!) at his memorial up North when finalized. He lived a good life and accomplished so much. I'm certain he's traveling well! Thank you so very much for sharing! Holly Lee*

Holly Lee - September 24, 2018 at 09:50 AM

 Steve  
Griswold

“ 1 file added to the album Porter's flying



Steve Griswold - September 23, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Porter Mason Lee Jr..



September 23, 2018 at 05:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Porter Mason Lee Jr..*



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September 23, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ *I only knew Porter for ten years but he treated me like we had been lifetime friends, always concerned about flying safely, giving me advice since I had just learned to fly at age 56. I will miss this and his many detailed recollections of flying stories.*  
*Darick Gundy*

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**Darick Gundy** - September 23, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ *There is family, and then there is family. I will miss the flying stories the most..*  
*Blue skies my friend,*  
*Bob Armstrong*

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**RK Bob Armstrong** - September 23, 2018 at 08:03 AM