



Lloyd Porter

September 22, 1925 - May 9, 2010

Lloyd W. Porter, 84, of Kearney and formerly of Holdrege, died Sunday, May 9, 2010 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be 11 AM, Thursday, May 13th at O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home in Kearney. The Rev. Gary Main will officiate. Interment will be 2:00 PM at Prairie Home Cemetery in Holdrege. Military rites at graveside will be conducted by the NE Army National Guard in conjunction with the American Legion Post 66 of Holdrege. Visitation will be 5-7 Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Legion. Online condolences may be submitted to osafh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements. He was born on Sept. 22, 1925 at Page, NE to Charles Edwin and Minnie (Brookhouser) Porter. He attended grade school at District 68 and graduated from Orchard High School in 1942. He was drafted and entered the US Army in 1943 at the age of 18. After infantry basic training in Alabama, he returned to Orchard and married Bernice S. Cleveland on July 1, 1944. He was assigned to the 89th Infantry Rifle Division and was sent to Europe. He was assigned to the 3rd Army under Gen. George S. Patton. He took part in 6 major battle campaigns, Normandy Beach, Northern France, Ardennes battle, Battle of the Bulge in Belgium, Rhine River Offensive in Germany and the Central European Campaign. He received numerous medals which included, combat badge of his 89th Infantry Division, German Victory Medal, Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in ground operation against the enemy during the central Europe campaign. He received recognition from the

Consulate General of France for his part in the liberation of France. He and his 89th Infantry liberated 2 concentration death camps and American Prisoners of war camps. The 3rd Army reached Zwickau, Germany on the Elbe River where 100,000 German Nazis surrendered on May 8, 1945. He received his honorable discharge from the Army in 1946. After his discharge, he lived north of Orchard on a small ranch and raised black angus cattle. In 1956, he and his wife moved to Holdrege and worked for the Dept of Roads, weighing overloaded trucks. Later in 1960, transferred to the NE Motor Vehicle Dept. as a driver license examiner. He retired in 1987 after 30 years with the State of Nebraska and moved to Heber Springs, AR to fish and play country music. In 2003 due to health problems moved to Kearney and lived at Northridge Retirement Community. Survivors include his wife of Kearney, son Jerome and wife, Janet of Holdrege, grandsons, Jerry and wife, Jennifer of Indianola, James and wife, Amber of Holdrege, 3 great-granddaughters, Jessica, Erin, Bailey, great-grandson, Jay and one future great-grandchild, sister, Ruth Gibbs of Kearney, sister-in-law, Jean Porter of Scottsbluff and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers and one sister.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lloyd Porter*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Jerome, Janet & Family: I was very sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. May God be with you during this difficult time and in the days to come, showing you strength and compassion. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Marge*

Marge Melroy - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM



“ *He will be well remembered for all the years to come. He was very special to me and my family. It was great to see you and your family at Sunshine's (grandpa's) birthday party last year. It brought back old memories hearing him play his guitar and sing. May god be with you and your family during this hard time. With lots of Love! <3*

Lori Graning - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM

LH

“ To the Porter family: Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you since Lloyd has left to be with God. I had the privilege to work for Lloyd as a drivers license examiner for 10 years. I have never worked with anyone that was more fun than he was. He was one of a kind and God has the mold. We experience the sorrow, but also think of the many, many times that Lloyd made us laugh. One of his stories was about he and Jerome going fishing and Jerome hooked Lloyd in the ear. Lloyd said in the process of trying to get free, Jerome saw Lloyds ear bleeding and passed out across Lloyd's fishing pole. It all came out ok once they got to the hospital, but Lloyd had a way of telling things that made it funnier. As an area supervisor for the Motor Vehicle Dept. He had nearly all of the state west of Kearney to cover. He was liked by all of his peers and could deal with people from all walks of life. Lloyd was a very special person and will greatly be missed, but you know what, we'll see him again someday.

Larry and Janice Herrington - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM

BG

“ Berniece and family--Lloyd will be so terribly missed. My family enjoyed the times he sang and played the guitar. Lori would dance and bounce around with his music. Jason thought he could be like that someday. So you see he has touched our hearts like no other.. We will always love him and cherish what he gave us. May he be in peace and God comfort you during this time of sadness.

Bev Graning - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM

LK

“ I wanted to let you know how sorry I am to hear of your loss. Lloyd was a man of great patience and just full of song. My memories of him are of him trying to teach me to play the guitar. He was so kind. I have many fond memories of both Lloyd and Bernice. You will all be in my prayers.

Lynn Kinnaman - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM

JS

“ Lloyd will never be forgotten. He never complained to anyone about his problems, always brought out the best in everyone. Lloyd & my Pomeranian were "buddies". When ever Lloyd came down to the office he always wanted to spend time with Mocha and take her for a ride. Lloyd also shared many stories that touched my heart. His love for this country was never ending. He will be missed by many. Sincerely, Jennifer Long

Jennifer @ Northridge, SLC - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM

FS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Lloyd was a dear friend and wonderful man. We are thinking of you at this time of loss. May God bless you all..

Frank and Willene Slavik - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Bernice, Jerome, Janet, Jerry, Jennifer, Jamie, Amber and children, We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to each of you. Our prayers are with each and everyone of you today and the days ahead. We were so thankful that we got to see Lloyd just recently at Good Samaritan Hospital. Our visit was such a blessing to the both of us. Lloyd and Bernice have always made us feel so welcome, even in the midst of Lloyd's pain, he made us laugh. As we got ready to leave he thanked us for coming to see him and told us to come again soon. He thanked us for our prayers, gave us both hugs and said until we see each other again to take care of each other. He told us he loved us and said, "I sure do appreciate you all for coming to see me and told us how special we had made him feel." We all cried and parted with the hope of seeing each other soon, now we will wait to see him again someday, in heaven. You all can be very proud of a husband, Dad and Grandpa that loved each of you. Dale is very happy to have worked for such a good boss. Lloyd loved his country and we are proud to have called him our friend. we love you

Dale and Kathy Herrington - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM

JM

“ Bernice and family, We were so sorry to hear about Lloyd. I will cherish my memories of playing guitars with Lloyd and hearing him call me Miss Julie. He was such a special man and always had a smile for everyone he met. Our love and prayers are with you during this time and the days ahead. May God comfort you and give you peace knowing Lloyd is no longer suffering. Love, Julie & Bob McNett

Julie McNett - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM