



Emily Wardwell Porter

December 4, 1975 - September 11, 2010

Heaven was graced with the spirit of Emily Wardwell Porter on Saturday, September 11, 2010. Her life, though short in years, was a gift to all who knew her. Born on December 4, 1975, she was a bright, beautiful and imaginative child. She graduated from Bend Senior High, where she was a varsity football and basketball cheerleader. In 1998, she received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Western Oregon University. After college, she pursued a variety of career interests, including work at Tektronix, Western Business College, Clinical Options and Shiftwise. Emily also tried many types of recreational activities over the years. She enjoyed hiking, canoeing, kayaking and even spent one summer on a Dragon Boat team. She loved to travel and always had a new idea of a place she wanted to visit. But, above everything else, she loved music. Going to a concert or a musical was always her ideal way to spend a day. Never was she happier than those hours spent listening to live music or watching a grand theatrical performance. In 2007, she was diagnosed with breast cancer, which she fought tirelessly. When traditional treatments failed her, she researched alternative choices and drastically altered her lifestyle in an effort to make herself healthy again. Her resilience and dedication to her own recovery garnered much respect and admiration from all those around her. She is survived by her parents, John and Priscilla Porter and sister Lisa von Wasmuth and her beloved nieces Kathryn and Jocelyn. Her beautiful smile and contagious laughter will never be forgotten. A memorial service will be held on October 9, 2010 at 3pm at Evergreen

Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, WA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Hospice Southwest, PO Box 1600, Vancouver, WA 98668.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:50 PM

KG

“ I just saw Pat yesterday in Macy's and she shared with me that Emily had died of breast cancer. I was totally shocked and greatly saddened. My prayers are with her family. No words can express the pain in losing a daughter or loved one. My own daughter is 29 years old and this is a reminder that everyday is a gift. I hope that we find a cure/prevention for all cancers in our lifetime.

Kirsten Groener - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ We were on the JV cheerleading squad together (I had a very brief run) and I'll always remember her encouraging me cause I was always at the bottom of the pyramid. Although I haven't seen you since highschool, Emily Porter, you will be missed, your early departure makes me so sad.

Camille Connolly - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. I have not seen Emily since we graduated high school, however I remember her smile. My deepest sympathys Jenny

Jennifer Cornwell - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Dear Porter Family, I am saddened to learn of Emily's passing. As so many of us from her childhood and teen years have said, Emily could light up a room and was a true friend. I know her smile and spirit will live on in the many lives she touched during her brief time on earth. I am sorry I cannot attend her service today, but I will say a prayer for all of you and remember Emily's loving smile today.
Fondly, Katie Lakey

Katie Lakey - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Thinking of you and your family.

Sylvia & Danny Peterson - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ John, Priscilla, Lisa, Kurt and girls, My life has been enriched to have known your Emily. It was my honor to work with her the last 5 years. What a joy! She made work fun and her smile lit up the room. We miss her! Thoughts, prayers and love headed your way. Lore Anderson

Lore Anderson - October 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ I miss you my dear friend. For so many years we were attached at the hip. You were my best friend and while I am deeply saddened that I won't be seeing you now, I am so so thankful of the time we had on this earth as friends. You are a wonderful person, a best friend, funny and caring! May you rest in peace my friend

Nikki - October 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ To all the Porter's, Sending all our thoughts and prayers. We will all miss Emily so much. Just know that she shines on. Love, Susie, James and Jax

Susan Hathaway Blevins - October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ John, Priscilla and Lisa, I read the Bend Bulletin online to keep in touch with what is going on there. Imagine my shock at seeing Emily's name there. We have such fond memories of when you guys managed the apartments next door and all the fun times swimming in our pool and babysitting Lisa and Emily. Our prayers are with you and all your family at this trying time.

Nichole (Kelly) Blankenship - September 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Emily - you were such a wonderful and bright person. Your smile and laugh were always so recognizable - filled with brightness and love. Be at peace. You will be missed.

Tamara Houston - September 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ I love you sweetie! You are a sunny part of my life. I am so glad I was able to spend those years at WBC with you. See you in heaven (save me a good seat)

Teresa - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Priscilla, John and Lisa When Michelle told me the news I couldn't believe it. Such a young beautiful young woman she was. I only new her as a sweet adorable baby so beautiful and full of life. My memories of her will always be cherished ones and my thoughts and prayers are for the ones she left behind. p.s. Michelle and I LOVED babysitting Lisa and Emily.

Angela Kelly-Kennedy - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ We are all so very sorry to hear of Emily's passing. We will never forget Emily's sweet personality, her smile and her laughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with Emily's family during this time of need. James Goff, Troy Gotchy, Kevin Dizney

Kevin Dizney - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ We cannot even begin to express the sorrow we feel for the loss of your precious daughter. You are in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

Scott & Molly Barnes - September 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ We were very saddened to hear of your loss. Emily was a joy to be around and she was always happy and so endearing when she was in our home. We know you will miss her great smile and laugh. All the wonderful memories you have will be a source of comfort.

Judi and Wes Price - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Words cannot tell you how much we are saddened by your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathy.

Sheila & Pat Kelly - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dear Priscilla, John, and Lisa- I can't believe my eyes today as I see that "Lemmy" has passed away! So sad to know this! Have had the morning to remember all of the beautiful moments of time trusted with my sisters and I of BOTH of your beautiful daughters! They were family to us as we loved the girls so much! One memory that came to mind was from 1974. I was walking home from Pilot Butte Jr High (LONG walk!) and Priscilla, you stopped to pick me up in your yellow VW fastback. You were on your way home from the OB/GYN and so excited! You had just found out you were pregnant with Emily! Those beautiful eyes still sparkle in her photo. Sending you love! I can't imagine how hard this must be. If you need ANYTHING from me or my family, we are here for you...still living in Bend. -Michelle

Michelle (Kelly) Tisdal - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ For Pris, John, Lisa, and all the family and friends: We remember Emily as a beautiful child, a valiant spirit, now resting with God. Our condolences to all.

Pete & Cindy Morrison - September 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *Heaven is truly blessed to have such a beautiful person. Emily is in so many of my childhood memories and all through High School. Her bright smile and contagious laugh will forever live in my heart. I will always love and miss you, Emily. As for John, Priscilla, Lisa, Kurt and girls, you are in my every thought and prayer.*

Jennelle Norton Vanderford - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *I didn't know her long, but she touched my heart. I will cherish her memory always. Sincerely, Connie (Dustin's mom)*

Connie Woods - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Emily was one of my roommates after college. We shared lots of good times during the two years we lived together and I have been left with many fond memories. I will remember Emily most for her endless smile, contagious laughter, her fake eyebrow ring, her love of all celebrity gossip and the Dublin Pub featuring The Boys Next Door. In my thoughts...xo*

Kristi Schwindt-Alford - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Dear Porter Family, My sincere condolences to you for your loss. I was blessed to have known and work with Emily and am so thankful she was apart of our lives. Love, Amanda Roman ShiftWise*

Amanda Roman - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I knew Emily when she younger all through elementary and High School. She was so nice and had a smile that was bright and sunny. Heaven got a beautiful lady. My thoughts and prayers are with Emily's wonderful family.

Kerry Sutton - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I shared a lot of memories on facebook. Just want to say how sad I am. Emily, John, and Pracilla, you all were a huge part of my teen years and lifelong memories. I love all of you deeply.

Donnie Emerson - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I was blessed with being a part of her life and the joy of sharing her love. Although it was a short amount of time and we didn't get the time we wanted to do all the things we had planned we made the best of the time we shared. Emily you will forever remain in my heart and my thoughts and your smile will light up the heavens for all of eternity!! Always and Forever Yours, Dustin.

Dustin Harris - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I will remember Emily for her smile

Jason Blodgett - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Oh, how we miss our dear Emily. Words cannot express the depth of grief we hold for one so loved by all. Always, always we carry her in our hearts and send love and hugs to all.

Patty & Mike Porter - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM