



## Lawrence "Larry" Eugene Porter

April 25, 1940 - December 28, 2020

Lawrence (Larry) E. Porter, age 80, died peacefully on Monday, December 28, 2020 in Vancouver, Washington at PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center. One of five children, he was born in Minnesota on April 25, 1940 - arriving in the loving arms of Mary Porter. After serving 3 years in the US Army he settled in Newark, California where he married Evangeline (Nelia) Cruz on December 19, 1970 who would be his constant companion and friend for 50 years. He had a 34-year career in shipping and receiving for plastics manufacturers; his proudest accomplishment was the family that he raised with joy and laughter. He retired to the Evergreen State in 2002 for a slower life.

Most remember him for his kind and sweet spirit. Throughout his life, wherever he was, he smiled at the wonder of the world: a country farm near Minneapolis, a water buffalo in the Philippines, whales off Alaska, or dahlias in full bloom from a gently rocking bench in the backyard. He teased and he laughed and he listened and he hugged. He delighted in your story and in the storytelling. But what he was most fond of was a big breakfast, a comfortable chair, a new season of Baseball, and a book filled with magic and adventure.

Larry is survived by his wife, Nelia; his children Anthony and Catherine; his grandson Miles; his brother Philip; and by his many nieces and nephews who fondly remember him as their beloved Uncle. He was preceded in death by his

mother Mary and three siblings - Dolores, Gwen, and Lloyd.

A viewing will be held on Jan 5, 2020 between 9AM-10AM. Condolences may be sent to 16802 NE 10th Street, Vancouver, Washington 98684. Donations can be made in his name to the American Kidney Fund.

"I didn't think it would end this way. End? No, the journey doesn't end here. Death is just another path, one that we must all take. The grey rain-curtain of this world rolls back, and all turns to silver glass and then you see it...White shores, and beyond, a far green country under a swift sunrise." Tolkien

# Tribute Wall

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“ My memory of Uncle Larry was that of a kind, and gentle man. Whenever our families did get together, he would often be on the receiving end of a lot ribbings (i think there's recurring theme here lol), but he happily smiled and embraced it. Uncle Larry, you will be missed, but your loving spirit and the memories will go on :)

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**Ragan de la Rosa** - January 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ My favorite memory of Uncle Larry is every single one. I can't think of a time at all when visiting with Uncle Larry that there wasn't tons of laughter....a couple Thanksgivings ago does stick out for me though. All I really remember is all of us laughing a lot - often at the expense of Uncle Larry. But he took it all in because he knew that for every bit of teasing we gave him, it came with ten times as much love. His presence here will be missed, but his love and laughter persists...

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**Aaron Porter** - January 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Uncle Larry was one of the kindest people I have known. His obituary says it all. Nelia, Anthony, Catherine, and Miles, I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Audrey** - January 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM