

Celebrating the Life of

Vernon "Vern" Dell Porter was born on July 7, 1936, in Miller, South Dakota, the son of William Dell and Esther Fern (Horn) Porter. He grew up in the St. Lawrence and Miller communities, graduated from St. Lawrence High School in 1954 and then served for 3 years in the U.S. Air Force. On October 11, 1958, Vern was married to Marlene Tepfer and they made their home in Willmar and were blessed with four children, Dell, Glen, Vicki and Gary. In 1973, they moved to New London. Vern was employed for over 35 years at the Willmar State Hospital as a hospital aide and activity director. Following his retirement from the WRTC, he drove school bus and tour bus for 8 years, officially retiring in 2005.

Vern was an active member of the New London American Legion Post #537 and served as Post Commander in 1986 and was a life member of the Willmar V.F.W. Post #1639. Vern was also an active member of the Willmar Eagle's Aire #2334, where he served as President and 3 times as the District President. In 2005, he was elected the Minnesota State Eagle's President and was inducted into the Eagle's Hall of Fame in June of 2010. During his 45 years of membership with the Eagle's, Vern was awarded Aeire, District and State Eagle of the Year. He was very involved in Confidence Learning Center raising over \$500,000 for the camp. In his spare time, Vern enjoyed hunting, fishing and sports.

He is survived by three children, Glen (and Becky) Porter of Andover, Vicki (and Rob) Smith of Willmar and Gary Porter of New London and five grandchildren, Shania, Jared, Jacob, Mattson and Kyler, besides other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marlene in 2020 and one son, Dell in 1979.



Vern Porter

1936 - 2022

Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want...
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters...*

*He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake...*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff,
they comfort me. Thou preparest a table
before me in the presence of mine
enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over...*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.*

Arrangements By
Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

In Loving Memory Of *Vern Porter*

July 7, 1936
Miller, South Dakota

April 19, 2022
Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 - 1:30 p.m.
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Willmar, Minnesota

Prelude		Deb Bremseth
Opening Hymn	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	
Invocation		
Psalm 23		
Apostles' Creed		
Remembrance of Baptism		
Kyrie, Salutation & Collect		
Scripture Readings	2 Timothy 4:6-8 & John 21:1-14	
Hymn	<i>"On Eagles' Wings"</i>	
Message		Pastor Matt Canion
Hymn	<i>"Beyond the Sunset"</i>	
Prayer of the Church		
The Lord's Prayer		
Nunc Dimittis/Collect		
Benediction & Table Prayers		
Closing Hymn	<i>"Here I Am Lord"</i>	
Recessional		

Military Honor Guard

Robert Ihlant American Legion Post #537
New London, Minnesota

Interment

Lebanon Cemetery
New London, Minnesota