



Mr Dante Gabrel Porter

September 7, 1935 - November 28, 2025

Dante Gabrel Porter was born on September 7, 1935, in Winton, North Carolina. He was the tenth of eleven children born to Spurgeon and Fannie Newsome Porter. On November 28, 2025, Dante passed away peacefully at home in Smithfield, Virginia, at the age of 90, surrounded by his loving family. Dante was raised on a rural North Carolina farm, where he learned early the value of hard work. Under the guidance of his devoted parents, he developed a strong work ethic that would define his entire life. He often spoke of his early years—plowing fields behind a mule, planting and harvesting by hand, chopping wood, hunting and fishing, and living without modern conveniences. Although he referred to those days as "hard times," he remembered them fondly as days of "living in the woods." Dante attended C.S. Brown School in Winton, NC.

Dante moved to Newport News, Virginia in 1956 in search of better opportunities. There he found both steady work and the love of his life. On September 30, 1957, he married Hermenia Davis. They shared 52 devoted years, raising six children before her untimely passing in 2009.

Dante worked briefly at the Newport News Shipyard before beginning a 31-year career with the City of Hampton Public Works Department. He retired in 1990 as a refuse collector—a demanding job that he approached with pride, humor, and an eye for the "treasures" others discarded.

Dante became a baptized Jehovah's Witness in 1963. He faithfully served for many years as an Elder in the Newport News South Congregation until his

health declined. He dedicated countless hours to helping others—offering spiritual guidance, sharing the good news of God's Kingdom, giving rides to those without transportation, and assisting anyone in need, even when his own resources were limited. His life was marked by humility, generosity, and a deep desire to serve.

Dante enjoyed watching sports, playing cards, sharing jokes—especially "dad jokes"—and spending time with his large extended family. He brought warmth, laughter, and spiritual insight into the home he created, making it a welcoming place for friends and loved ones. Above all, he was a devoted father and provider. Dante cherished his family deeply and was one of the early organizers of the Porter family reunions, a beloved tradition that continues today through younger generations.

Previous Events

Porter Memorial Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
804 41st. Street
Newport News, VA 23607

Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr Dante Gabrel Porter*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - December 12, 2025 at 01:19 PM

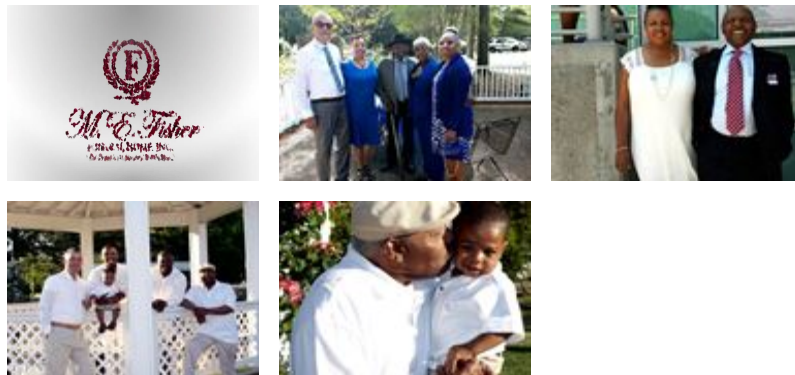
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Memorably Beautiful.

Sharon Jenkins (Baker) - December 13, 2025 at 01:57 AM



“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - December 12, 2025 at 01:16 PM

SW

“ *May The Loss Of Our Dear Bro.And Friend not overwhelm Us, knowing That Soon We Will See Our Dear Loves Ones That has Fallen A Sleep Will Be Awaken In The Paradise SoonTo Come!!!*

Sis.Gail Williams - December 06, 2025 at 06:58 AM

CP

“ *Carolyn A Porter lit a candle in memory of Dante Porter*



Carolyn A Porter - December 05, 2025 at 04:39 PM

AG

“ *I'm truly sorry for the loss of Bro Porter, may our God and Father comfort the family at this time.*

Alice Greene - December 04, 2025 at 12:38 PM

BB

Our brother shall be trusted missed,but not for long,His name shall be called and he will stand again

Brenda Baker - December 04, 2025 at 06:05 PM

SP

We will miss him for now, but we will meet again in paradise. Shirley Powell

Shirley Powell - December 13, 2025 at 12:10 PM

DC

“ DC lit a candle in memory of Dante Porter



DC - December 02, 2025 at 10:31 PM