



Walter Douglas Porter

October 17, 1943 - February 9, 2016

Walter Douglas Porter, age 72, of Urbana, affectionately called “Papa” and “Uncle Dougie”, made his transition from this life to the next on February 9th, 2016. He was born in Urbana, Ohio on October 17, 1943 to Anabelle and Walter Porter, who preceded him in death.

Doug was educated at Urbana High School, where he graduated in 1962. He was drafted into the US Army in 1968, where he was a military police during the Vietnam War. Doug was also a Master Barber for 40 years. He attended Beauty School for a year. During the 60’s, he started a chapter of the Black Panthers in Urbana. He retired from International Harvester in 2003, and he was also a Mason. Doug was also very proud of earning his pilot's license in the 1980s.

Doug leaves to mourn his wife Mitzi of 34 years; sons, Michael Reeves, and Christopher (Becky) Reeves; grandchildren Tasha McNeely and her two daughters Payla and Ayona, Aaron Reeves, and Camille Reeves; his older sister, Lois (Norman) Minney; brothers, Herb (Michelle) Porter, Albert (Carlin) Porter; and his younger sister Jannine Manual; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and of course many friends.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 231 Washington Ave, Urbana) from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. where a memorial mass will begin at 2:00 p.m. with Father Larry Gearhart officiating. Contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or to the Alzheimer’s Association Miami Valley Chapter (31 W. Whipp Rd. Dayton, OH 45459).

Services are in the care of WALTER & STOWE FUNERAL HOME.

Condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.walterfunerals.com.

Just caught a word that Doug Porter (Uncle Dougie) passed away. Man... this man was amazing. He fought for his country during Vietnam. Made a stand for his people. Loved his wife and kids. And the list could go on and on. Most importantly for me, he and his wife showed me love when I was at my most unlovable. He will be missed by many I know. I remember years ago, I wrote him a poem. I don't have a copy of it, but I remember the title, and the theme still remains in my heart. Here it is in remembrance of a wonderful man.

"If Uncle Dougie Ruled the World"

If Uncle Dougie Ruled the world,
It'd be a much better place
For every boy and girl
Instead of fighting
We'd all make love
Instead of war
We'd love even more
Hate and racism
Would halt and cease
Life would be...
Love and peace.
Folks would come from all around
To gather wisdom
From the coolest barber in town
Crewcut or fade
It wouldn't matter

You'd come out looking sharp
From all the chatter
Kings and queens
Would gather at the garage
To get an oil change
Free of charge
Though he may be gone
He's always near
In the heart and soul
Of those who loved him dear
So today I'll pray
To Heaven above
For God to hold him close
And to give him love
Until the end of time
It'll be on my mind
Even if I went deaf
Dumb, and blind
Oh, what a wonderful place
It would be
Our eyes wide open
So that we can see
A better place
For every boy
And every girl
If Uncle Dougie...
Ruled the World
R.I.P. Uncle Dougie

-Written by Matthew Brown

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
231 Washington Ave.
Urbana, OH

Memorial Service

FEB 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ A man that will be missed by all. I have so many memories of Uncle Doug, one that stands out more than any other is as we would end our conversation and begin to part ways. He would always say " Remember Uncle Dougie Loves You". Until we meet again Uncle Doug.

Stacy Porter

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