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Raleigh's parents, Montrilla and Russell Porter, raised their family in Gwinnett County as tenant farmers. R.L. was from a family of thirteen children. He was born fourth from the oldest, with seven sisters and five brothers. Raleigh was educated in various Gwinnett County schools as a result of his farm to farm childhood. R.L. served in the Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged as a Corporal. He returned to Lawrenceville and married his hometown sweetheart Louise Waldrip on June 16, 1954. A year later their daughter Karen arrived followed three years later by their son Glenn. Raleigh was self-employed as a house painter and landscaper. He loved traveling our great country and enjoyed collecting Depression glass. He was proud to call Georgia his home and truly enjoyed the small town southern life. Raleigh and Louise were overjoyed when they became grandparents in 1984 and over the moon at becoming great grandparents in 2014. During retirement, he enjoyed the life of a country antique dealer, going from small towns to old barns for his much sought after treasures. Raleigh's last two years were difficult as a result of a hip break and congestive heart failure. Raleigh is survived by his wife, Louise; daughter, Karen and son-in-law, Frank Boykin; son, Glenn and daughter-in-law, Kim; grandchildren, Lauren, Stephen, Dillon and Allison; great grandchildren, Anna Grace, George and Henry; sister, Shirley Roebuck; brother-in-law, Luther Waldrip; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service honoring the life of Raleigh will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 1:00pm at Tom M. Wages Lawrenceville Chapel. Interment will follow at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 15th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. A reception following the graveside service will be held at First Baptist Church Grayson Fellowship Hall. The family would like to offer a special thank you to Longleaf Hospice and to Kim and Dillon for their extraordinary care of Raleigh.

Condolences may be sent to or viewed at <http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com>. Tom M. Wa

ges Funeral Service LLC, "A Family Company", 120 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA, 770-9
63-2411, has been entrusted with the arrangements

Cemetery

Chestnut Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

2299 Rosebud Road
Grayson, GA, 30017

Events

JUN **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Tom M. Wages Funeral Service -
Lawrenceville

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Comments



“ Cowart family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Raleigh R.L. Porter.



Cowart family - June 15 at 12:18 PM



“ Many of us have read, or have at least heard of the famous poem "The Dash"... in part it reads:

"I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears but said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house...the cash. What matters is how we lived and loved and how we spend our dash."

Brother Raleigh was a man who LIVED and LOVED and SERVED in the dash. He was faithful to his country, his family, and his Savior. Our loss on this earth is Heaven's gain and I know the angels rejoiced to welcome him Home.

Dr. Tim and Renee Brogan

Renee Brogan - June 15 at 11:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raleigh R.L. Porter.



June 14 at 10:03 PM



“ We were saddened to hear of the passing of brother Raleigh. I have very fond memories of sharing with the family at FBC Grayson, Georgia; especially my time with him in RA'S and other church functions. Please know our love and prayers are being sent your way.

Dr. Tom and Priscilla Jordan

Tom Jordan - June 14 at 10:39 AM



“ My uncle Raleigh and my precious aunt Louise are true examples of servants. Always visiting, always feeding someone with homemade dishes from their loving hands. They were truly a team. As Louise began her vision issues they would often say -Raleigh can see and Louise has working hands. My mother Evelyn was the first born of this family. Raleigh has been a solid rock for all of us. Well done uncle Raleigh. We will miss you terribly but rejoice with the hope of seeing you soon. Who's gonna answer all my questions about the family now ????

nancy clark - June 14 at 09:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raleigh R.L. Porter.



June 13 at 08:17 PM



“ Raleigh and Louise have been friends as long as we have been at First Baptist Grayson. Raleigh was entertaining and we especially enjoyed his words of wisdom for the day. My favorites are "mama always said if it ant pretty don't put it on the front porch" and "if you eat enough cornbread you won't have wrinkles". He could create a poem in an instant and never failed to lift your spirits. He was a special person and will be missed by many.

Louise, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Blessings, Tom and Faye Matthews

Tom and Faye Matthews - June 13 at 04:07 PM



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Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - June 13 at 03:06 PM