



Johnny Porter

June 21, 1957 - May 30, 2025

Johnny Porter, age 67, of Bruin, Kentucky, passed away on May 30th, 2025. Born on June 21, 1957, Johnny was the youngest of seven sisters and the beloved son of Charles and Liddia Porter.

He was a faithful husband of 47 years and 10 months to Diane Porter, a tough yet loving father to Jonathan and Renea, and a cherished papaw to Brayden, Laney, and Ethan.

Johnny was a hardworking and honest man through and through. As a teenager, he worked on semi trucks and helped on the family farm. As an adult, he spent years as a truck driver before entering the coal industry, where he would eventually own and operate several coal companies. Known for his no-nonsense approach and fair leadership, he was deeply respected by those who worked with him.

Even after losing his vision in 1995, Johnny never let obstacles keep him down. He continued raising tobacco on the farm, a testament to his unmatched work ethic and grit.

Johnny had a knack for finding good deals at auctions, but his favorite pastime was betting on the horses. He spent many joyful days at the racetrack with his friends, laughing and placing bets on the ponies.

Whether you were a lifelong friend, a neighbor, or a stranger passing through, if you needed help, Johnny was the kind of man who would give you the shirt off his back. His generosity knew no bounds.

He was straightforward, strong-minded, and devoted to his family. The love and support he gave his children, the unwavering commitment he showed his wife, and the wisdom he passed on will be honored and remembered always. Johnny was a man of integrity and intelligence, who left a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Johnny is survived by his wife, Diane Porter; his children, Jonathan (Kristin) Porter and Renea (Barry) Porter-Dickerson; and his grandchildren, Brayden (Brooke) Porter, Laney Porter, and Ethan Harrod. He also leaves behind many dear friends and extended family members who will miss him deeply.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 03, 2025 at Whitt & Sons Memorial Chapel with Bro. Michael Lewis and Elder Tim Porter officiating. Burial will follow at Elliott County Memory Gardens.

Friends may call after 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 02, 2025, at Whitt & Sons Funeral Home 1260 North Ky 7 Sandy Hook, Kentucky 41171, Masonic Rites will be held at 7:00 p.m. by Hepburn Masonic Lodge #576 F & AM, visitation after 10:00 a.m. Tuesday until the service hour at the funeral home.

We find comfort in knowing that Dad's legacy lives on in the lessons he taught, the love he shared, and the memories we will carry in our hearts forever.

Serving as pallbearers are Gobel Skaggs, Shane Fannin, Brayden Porter,

Barry Dickerson, Mitchell Sturgill, Jerry Sturgill, Ethan Harrod.

Serving as honorary pallbearers are Dwight Whitley, Ron Harris, Michael Lewis, Ronnie Copley, Kyle Fannin, Johnny Will Lewis, Joe Castle, Charles Skaggs.

Cemetery Details

Elliott County Memory Gardens

Elliott Co, KY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Whitt & Sons Funeral Home
1260 North Ky 7
Post Office Box 704
Sandy Hook, KY 41171
(606) 738-9600
<https://www.whittandsonsfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 1:00 PM.

Whitt & Sons Memorial Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ Wayne And Dwanett Jarrells lit a candle in memory of Johnny Porter



Wayne and Dwanett Jarrells - June 02, 2025 at 09:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Johnny Porter.



June 02, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ Dean & Crystal Howard lit a candle in memory of Johnny Porter



Dean & Crystal Howard - June 02, 2025 at 02:31 PM



So very sorry for your loss prayers for all the family

Dean & Crystal Howard - June 02, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnny Porter.

June 02, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Johnny Porter.



June 02, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ Sending our love to all of you along with our deepest sympathy.

Bernie & Marilyn Mason

Marilyn F. Mason - June 01, 2025 at 10:34 PM



“ I've known Johnny all his life and he had a hard row to hoe with all those sisters. Somehow he managed. He was always smiling even thru it all. He will be missed by all his family, friends and neighbors. My sympathy to Diane his children, grandchildren and his family.



Kathy Lewis - June 01, 2025 at 05:01 AM

CS

“ *Sending our deepest condolences Love and Prayers to Diana and all Johnny Family.*



Carson and Marsha Sparks - June 01, 2025 at 02:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnny Porter.

May 31, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny Porter.*



May 31, 2025 at 08:32 PM

JN

“ *So sorry to hear, Prayers for Diane and the family. Always liked Johnny, and he was a Good Man to Work For, too.*

Jim Nickles - May 31, 2025 at 08:09 PM

JA

“ Love and prayers for all the family!



Jimmy & Kathy Adkins - May 31, 2025 at 07:30 PM

BP

“ Bill & Donna Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Johnny Porter



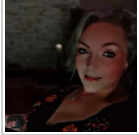
Bill & Donna Prewitt - May 31, 2025 at 07:21 PM

LR

“ Lisa Ratliff lit a candle in memory of Johnny Porter



Lisa Ratliff - May 31, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family. Johnny was one of a kind. I always loved it when my parents and I would be driving by and catch Johnny outside. What was supposed to be a quick "Hello" would always turn into the most interesting hour or two long conversations sprinkled with laughter. I enjoyed listening and actually learned a few things. My Dad held so much respect for him and always spoke of what a good man he was. I know he will be greatly missed. Praying for strength and comfort for you all.



Natasha Wagoner - May 31, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ John Will and Louise Lewis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Porter.

John Will and Louise Lewis - May 31, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ John Will and Louise Lewis purchased the Crysta I Cross Bouquet for the family of Johnny Porter.



John Will and Louise Lewis - May 31, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ So very Sorry for your loss. Prayers for your Family 🙏



Cathy Pennington - May 31, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnny Porter.

May 31, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Johnny Porter.



May 31, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family and friends. May God bless and comfort. Thanks for his service to his country.



Sen. Walter "Doc" Blevins - May 31, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ So very sorry
Love & Prayers to Diana & Family



Vickie & David Fox - May 31, 2025 at 05:01 PM

JC

“ Joe & Garnett Cassell lit a candle in memory of Johnny Porter



Joe & Garnett Cassell - May 31, 2025 at 04:47 PM

RL

“ Rick, Debbie And Jonathan Lewis lit a candle in memory of Johnny Porter



Rick, Debbie and Jonathan Lewis - May 31, 2025 at 04:34 PM