



Dr. Cedric Warren Porter Jr.

October 10, 1938 - December 13, 2025

The memorial service for Dr. Cedric Warren Porter, Jr. is scheduled for 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 25, 2026 in St. Giles Chapel at Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community.

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of Dr. Cedric Warren Porter, Jr., a beloved physician, a devoted father, and a true citizen of the world who made the mountains of Western North Carolina his cherished home.

Cedric was born on October 10, 1938, in Boston, Massachusetts, at what is now Massachusetts General Hospital. He was the son of the late Cedric Warren Porter, originally of Newton, Massachusetts, and Emma Atchison Porter, who hailed from the Pulaski/Nashville area of Tennessee. Cedric had one brother, George P.D. Porter, and they both grew up together in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Cedric received a fine education, graduating cum laude from Noble and Greenough School in 1956. He then attended Harvard University, where he majored in history. While at Harvard, Cedric played junior varsity hockey all four years. He was also the manager of the crew team the year Harvard won the famed Thames Challenge Cup at the annual Henley Royal Regatta in 1960. He earned a varsity letter in hockey during the 1959-1960 season, and a varsity letter as the crew manager. At Harvard, Cedric was a member of the Hasty Pudding Institute of 1770 and the D.U. Club where he served as

President. After graduating cum laude with his B.A. in History from Harvard in 1960, his path led him to Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he earned his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1964. In this same year he married Ann E. Hardy of Cleveland, Ohio in New York City. He went on to complete his internship at Boston City Hospital (now Boston Medical Center) before beginning a remarkable career in public health, serving as a Lieutenant Commander and Senior Assistant Surgeon with the U.S. Public Health Service. This work took him to the Philippines as a Peace Corps physician, and later to Hawaii, where he served as the Medical Programming Officer for the Peace Corps for East Asia and the Pacific. He went on to earn a Master of Public Health from Harvard University in 1969, with a focus on family planning and population studies.

In 1970, Cedric arrived in North Carolina for his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at UNC-Chapel Hill. After completing his training, he put down deep roots in Asheville, where he became a cornerstone of the medical community. He dedicated his life to caring for women and delivering babies, first with Asheville Ob-Gyn Associates from 1973 to 1990, and then as a solo practitioner at Victoria Women's Services until 2000. Over his career, he delivered approximately 4,000 babies, a fact that always brought a warm smile to his face.

A respected expert in international family planning, Cedric wrote the widely distributed book *Contraception: The Health Provider's Guide*, penned numerous articles and monographs translated into multiple languages, and co-authored a chapter in *Advances in Gynecology*. Cedric consulted for many international NGOs and was a member of the International Society for the Advancement of Contraception. He was a pioneer of bringing fertility treatment to North Carolina, and he delivered the state's first successful frozen embryo in vitro baby.

Beyond his professional life, Cedric was a man of great curiosity who had a passion for international travel. He visited six continents, and was always eager to learn about new cultures.

Cedric re-married to Donna C. Cope of Thomasville, Georgia, in 1986. He is survived by his loving wife and his four children: Cedric Warren Porter III, Sarah E. Porter Springer (Philipp), Rodney Hardy Porter (Jennie), and Joshua Graham Porter (Carolina). He also leaves behind seven beloved grandchildren: George, Tedford, Julian, Leah, Benjamin, Christina, and Samuel. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ann.

Cedric will be remembered for his kind bedside manner, his willingness to empower his patients, his love of world culture, his devotion to his family, and the humored wink of his eye. While his journey began far from these hills, he found his true calling and his community right here in Western North Carolina. He will be deeply missed by his family, his friends, his colleagues, and the countless families whose lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers, it was Cedric`s request that those who wish to express sympathy may consider a donation to Doctors Without Borders, St. Jude Children`s Research Hospital, or Planned Parenthood.

A video recording of the service will be available on this webpage.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

APR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Giles Chapel of Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community

1617 Hendersonville Road

Asheville, NC 28803

<http://www.deerfieldwnc.org/st-giles-chapel>

Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Cedric Warren Porter Jr.*



Morris Funeral Home - April 26 at 09:09 AM

SH

“ *I give credit to this man for saving my son's life. The other 2 doctors in the practice would not believe me about how far along I was in my term. But he listen and had test run and the next morning I was admitted and thank God my son was born alive. He went on to deliver my 2 son also. He was my doctor from then on until he retired, I am so thankful to have him in my life. He was a special man.*

Sharon - June 03 at 05:27 PM

LS

“ *Dr. Porter was the first doctor I saw as a young adult. I was nervous. But he was so kind. I loved him forever after.*

Linda Stills - February 22 at 10:57 AM

CK

“ *Christine K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Cedric Warren Porter Jr..*

Christine K. - January 29 at 02:43 PM

MH

“ We send love to Donna and the family of Ced. His presence in our neighborhood is missed. May you all be comforted with God's grace,
Drue and Mary Head

Mary Head - January 27 at 09:49 PM

RF

“ Our sincere condolences to Josh, Carolina and your beautiful children. May God give you strength in this difficult time.

Rosales Mejía Family - January 27 at 11:51 AM

TS

“ Tammy Sizemore lit a candle in memory of Dr. Cedric Warren Porter Jr.



Tammy Sizemore - January 12 at 01:20 PM

CH

“ Carmen H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Cedric Warren Porter Jr..

Carmen H. - January 10 at 04:44 PM

CA

“ Chase A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Cedric Warren Porter Jr..

Chase A. - January 09 at 02:39 PM

EH

“ Edward H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Cedric Warren Porter Jr..

Edward H. - January 09 at 01:13 PM

ST

“ Sarah Taubef planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Cedric Warren Porter Jr..

Sarah Taubef - January 09 at 11:18 AM

ST

“ Sarah Taubef purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dr. Cedric Warren Porter Jr..



Sarah Taubef - January 09 at 11:18 AM

ME

“ Molly E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Cedric Warren Porter Jr..

Molly E. - December 23, 2025 at 12:42 PM

JS

“ John S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Cedric Warren Porter Jr..

John S. - December 18, 2025 at 07:30 PM

JS

“ John S. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Dr. Cedric Warren Porter Jr..



John S. - December 18, 2025 at 07:30 PM

BS

“ Brittany Sellars lit a candle in memory of Dr. Cedric Warren Porter Jr.



Brittany Sellars - December 18, 2025 at 03:27 PM

BS

Dr. Porter was always one of my favorite Residents to care for, I loved his joyus disposition and all the conversations and memories he shared of his life with me over the years. I will continue to think about his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Brittany Sellars - December 18, 2025 at 03:29 PM

DC

I was a classmate of caddie's at Nobles. and with such a small class (28 of us) I took a real interest in each of my classmates. what I saw in Ceddie, was that he was "destined", i.e., that he would accomplish much in some way. he certainly did, and it isn't that I see time's. wingéd chariot drawing nearer but it's that "seeing one more off" just hurts a lot. Bon voyage Ced... –David carroll

david carroll - May 05 at 09:06 PM

JF

“ Ced and I grew up together in the same neighborhood in Wellesley. There are many fond memories of playing baseball at the Brown School playground and sledding during the winter time on Highgate Hill around the corner from his home. Ced was a loyal and courageous friend and I will continue to miss him.

John K Fritts - December 16, 2025 at 01:15 PM



Such nice words, thank you John. I have heard multiple times that my uncle George was the terror of the neighborhood. Is this true?

Sarah Porter Springer - January 09 at 08:42 AM

RW

“ Ced Porter was a respected and beloved member of the Class of 1956 at Noble & Greenough School and we will include him in our remembrances during our 70th reunion next May in Dedham MA. (Rocky Whitman, Class Correspondent)

Rocky Whitman - December 16, 2025 at 10:54 AM



Thank you Rocky. Dad sure loved his Nobles Classmates!!

Sarah Porter Springer - January 09 at 08:43 AM