

Ben Hill Porter, Jr.

May 3, 1951 - December 11, 2025

Mr. Ben Hill Porter, Jr., 74, of Newnan, passed away Thursday, December 11, 2025, at the Haven Assisted Living Facility. He was born May 3, 1951, in Hawkinsville, GA., to the late Ben Hill Porter Sr. and Mary Ann Pate Porter.

Ben grew up in Hawkinsville, GA., and was a 1969 graduate of Hawkinsville High School. He went on to graduate from the University of Georgia and was an avid Bulldog fan for the rest of his life. Ben worked in the pharmaceutical field with companies like Eli Lilly and Eldercare. Ben moved to Newnan, GA., in 1988. He was a long-time member of Central Baptist Church in downtown.

Ben took pride in living a simple but good life. Most of all, he took pride in his son, Gavin. He attended every possible baseball practice or game Gavin played in or later coached. There was nothing Ben took more pride in than his relationship with his son. Ben's story would also not be complete without mentioning names like Jody Hand, Larry and Debbie Brown, Terrell Cooper, Mike Henry, Mike and Beverly Yeager, Mike Winslett, Tim Shelnett, Stephen Brown, Charlotte Unzicker, and Rick Rowland.

The visitation is Thursday, December 18, 2025, from 5-8 pm at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA, 30263. Burial will be the following day, Friday, December 19th, 2025, at 1 pm at Orange Hill Cemetery in Hawkinsville, GA 31036, located at the intersection of 6th Street and

Industrial Blvd. Rather than flowers, Gavin requests that you consider donating to The Haven for their Christmas Fund. Every Christmas, The Haven tries to raise some extra money for their staff around the holidays. To ensure that the donations can get to The Haven before Christmas time, you could either make a check payable to Gavin Porter or you could send money on Venmo to the username @GavinPorter1. All donations will be combined and ensured that they are delivered to the Haven this weekend.

Condolences can be expressed online at <http://www.mckoon.com>.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Orange Hill Cemetery

6th St at Industrial Blvd
Hawkinsville, GA 31036

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

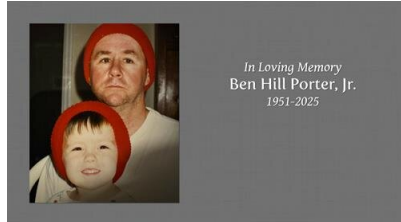
DEC 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Orange Hill Cemetery
6th St at Industrial Blvd
Hawkinsville, GA 31036

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ben Hill Porter, Jr.*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - December 20, 2025 at 12:18 PM

HH

“ *I'm sorry for your loss, Gavin. Your father was a great man. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

Harrison Holland - December 20, 2025 at 11:46 PM

CF

“ *CHS your Trojan Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben Hill Porter, Jr..*

CHS your Trojan Family - December 18, 2025 at 03:23 PM

CF

“ *CHS your Trojan Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ben Hill Porter, Jr..*



CHS your Trojan Family - December 18, 2025 at 03:23 PM

NH

“ I worked with Clark Holder Clinic many years ago when Ben was a rep for Eli Lilly. He was such a fun, kind guy to be around. Several of us former employees of CHC remember him with good memories . So very sorry for your loss Gaven. Prayers for you.

Nancy Hinckley - December 17, 2025 at 01:13 PM

AP

“ Love and hugs to the family from all at The Haven of Newnan. Ben will be greatly missed in the community.

Angelia Paige - December 16, 2025 at 08:36 PM

DC

“ Ben was one of a kind! He will be missed. All my love to Gavin - the love of his life!

Delia Crouch - December 16, 2025 at 02:31 PM

BW

“ I first met Ben when he was working at M & M Drugs in Hawkinsville. I was pregnant and he filled my prescription for nausea medicine. He was dating my sister in law & they had been to a 3D movie. My prescription directions were listed as : 3D Bendectin for 3D nausea caused by 3D pregnancy. He was always such a fun person. Later in years, I was a state nursing home inspector when he was the pharmacy consultant. We were always carrying on but one time I got him with a phone call. He didn't recognize my voice. I identified myself as the inspector at this brand new facility he was working with. I began questioning his visits and reports and he immediately began stumbling around with answers. My last question was asking when was the last time he had visited Hawkinsville and he really got flustered. I finally had to fess up. I truly loved Ben & cherish our great memories.

Becky Woods - December 15, 2025 at 08:10 PM

GJ

“ It saddens me to hear this shocking news of Ben’s passing. Ben was in our pledge class at Sigma Chi Fraternity at UGA. He was full of energy and mischief. His best buddie, Buzzy Kidd, passed a number of years ago. I bet they’re up there in heaven having a great reunion. God Bless you Ben. We will always remember you.
In hoc,
GWJOHNSON

GW Johnson - December 15, 2025 at 06:52 PM

MY

“ Ol’Ben was my friend. He was easygoing with always a smile and a laugh about him. Oh the stories that could be told but we’d be here a while! Spent many a days at ballgames and bonfires by the pond and many conversations about family, hunting, pine sol and life in general. He would tell me he was a good athlete back in the day in his beloved Hawkinsville, number 11 as I recall. His line was, “number 11 on the field, but number 1 in the heart!” Yes he was a friend and he will be missed. Ben you will always be number 11 on the field and number 1 in the hearts of the many you came across from Hawkinsville to Newnan. Rest easy my friend. Retired Sheriff Mike and Bev Yeager Family

Mike&Bev Yeager - December 15, 2025 at 04:25 PM

MT

“ Sending sweet Gavin my prayers and lots of hugs!

Merry Todd - December 15, 2025 at 04:20 PM