



## Mr. Earnest Porter

August 31, 1960 - June 2, 2023

Earnest Steven Porter (Ballie) was born August 31, 1960, to the late Isabella Hyman passed away on June 2, 2023, at ECU Health Medical Center in Greenville, NC at the age of 62. Born and raised in Martin County, he attended Martin County Schools. Ballie moved to Boston, Massachusetts as a young adult where he lived and worked for many years before returning to Martin County.

Earnest loved to work and was a hard worker. Some of his previous places of employment consist of Waste Management, Lewis Tree Service, Williamston Yarn Mill, and his last place of employment before his death was IDX NC as a Mill Operator for the past three years. He was a very dedicated employee, consistent and would help anyone on the job that needed help. He would often put his work before his health.

Earnest was a very fun person to be around always cracking jokes and giving loved one's different nicknames. Earnest had a distinguished laugh and would always rub his bald head and say "hot tow mighty, hot tow mighty" that's when you knew it was funny to him. He was the type who would speak his mind no matter if you liked it or not. He was known as the jack of all trades who could fix and put together just about anything. He would often call you and keep you on the phone talking for hours and get mad when you told him you got to go because you were tired of talking. But he made sure to always end the call

with I Love You after he fussed you out for wanting to hang up the phone.

Earnest leaves to cherish his one and only son, Damien Spain (Dayanis) of Boston, MA; eight sisters, Mary P Williams, Patricia Jerkins (Warren) both of Oak City, NC, Deborah Jean Hyman of West Haven CT, Jeanette Hyman Watson (David) of Attleboro, MA, Shelia Bailey (Mike) of Nashville, NC; Tonya Hyman Valdez (Louie) of Wilson, NC, Miriam Hyman of Greenville, NC, Terry Hyman of Boston, MA; one brother, Julius Hyman of Greenville, NC; one great, aunt Lula Mae Stancil of Robersonville, NC; one aunt, Bernice Garnett (Carl) of Greenville, NC; two uncles, Robert Porter (Letha) of Robersonville, NC, Arthaniel Porter of Greenville, NC; two grandsons, Tyrese and Terrence Spain both of Boston, MA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Robersonville Memorial Gardens

2418 C.L. Keel Road  
Robersonville, NC 27871

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**JUN 16.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

House of Refuge Church Ministries  
200 W. Academy Street  
Robersonville, NC 27871

## Celebration of Life Service

**JUN 16.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Earnest Porter*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of Ernest my condolences and prayers to the family and friends Ernest the Last time I talked to you was a year ago y0u talked about your daughter and how she was doing I did not no it would be my last Ernest R I P until we meet again in Heaven*



**Annie Smith** - June 25, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ *Rev. Milton & Delorse Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Porter*



**Rev. Milton & Delorse Staton Family** - June 16, 2023 at 03:40 AM

KS

“ *Ballie!!!  
What memories we have of you!  
Those days you sat at grandmas kitchen table.  
Momma on one end and Goose at the other. What laughter you  
brought to the house. I'm sure you are laughing at the night...,  
momma got off the porch without her shoes..., and you  
holler...."PETE..., you forgot your shoes" 🤔🤔🤔..., what jokes  
took place the next day!!! Thanks for the memories!!! You were one  
of a kind!!!*

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**Kimberly Stanley** - June 09, 2023 at 11:14 AM

JH

“ *I am really going to miss you Ballie!!! Every Saturday you and my  
dad was doing something you would come and knock on my door  
and say Jaunese what you got for me and I would just laugh. I will  
miss calling you and saying g Ballie said call him and you would say  
what's wrong with his phone.lol The Hines family will truly miss you  
and we will never forget you and all that you have done for us. Take  
your rest because God needed you more!!!!*

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**Jaunese Hines** - June 06, 2023 at 05:45 PM

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“ *I had met Earnest through my late oldest brother Rudolph Woolard  
as he was working 1st 3 years ago and was about to transfer to 2nd  
shift as I was already working 2nd shift and he was trying to figure  
out a ride to work so I said will do so from those 3 years experience  
with Earnest and he even gave me a nickname (Tidewater) lol and I  
called him Bubble. We will missed you at IDX Corporation with your  
hard dedication of work. To the family I leave you with this, Earth  
has no sorry that Heaven can not Heal. Rest easy brother.  
Rev. Todd Reddick and Family ❤️*

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**Todd Reddick** - June 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - June 05, 2023 at 06:19 PM

PM

“ Patricia McNeil Modica lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Porter



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**Patricia McNeil Modica** - June 05, 2023 at 02:46 PM

DA

“ Donnie Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Porter



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**Donnie Andrews** - June 05, 2023 at 01:50 PM

JC

“ Prayers to the family. MY God give you strength during this difficult time.

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**Joanne Carroll** - June 04, 2023 at 11:42 AM

JH

“ *Jaunese Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Porter*



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**Jaunese Hines** - June 04, 2023 at 08:42 AM

EH

“ *My Thoughts And Prayers Are With The Family*



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - June 04, 2023 at 08:39 AM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continues To Comfort And Strengthen The Family*



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - June 03, 2023 at 04:36 PM