



Ross Francis Porter

March 2, 1924 - September 1, 2004

Ross Francis Porter, a loving husband and father, died Wednesday surrounded by his family in an Arlington hospital . He was 80. Ross lived a life devoted to his family and responsibility. He and his wife, Eleanor, celebrated 55 years of marriage last fall. They moved their family from their native Rochester, N.Y., to Arlington, Texas, in 1971 when Ross' company, Hickok Manufacturing, was purchased by the Tandy Corp. of Fort Worth. Ross was an accountant and had nearly 58 years of continued employment for several Tandy subsidiaries, including the Bombay Company, where he still worked part-time at the time of his death. Ross held deep friendships with many of his colleagues, who span several generations and are testament to his ability to connect with people of all ages and backgrounds. Ross was a man of wide interests. He had a curious mind and read avidly to satisfy it. Music meant a great deal to Ross, who, as a boy, sang in a choir and, as a father, soothed and amused his children with hymns, folk songs and nonsense ditties. He had a natural ability for music. He played the piano and, later in life, the harmonica. During his illness he took comfort in listening to music, comparing it to the warmth of a good blanket. As a young man, Ross studied in the seminary and remained a spiritual man throughout his life. In his final days, he kept several books of meditations next to his bed that he read from daily. In addition to his wife, Eleanor, Ross is survived by his seven children, Tim of Mill Valley, Calif., Barbara Catrett of Takoma Park, Md., Mary Lou Saxon of Dallas, Eileen Ferbend of Arlington, Katie of Toledo, Ohio, Eleanor Hisey of

Arlington, Tom of Bozeman, Mt., five grandchildren, Sarah, Maggie, Joe, Daniel and Tim, and two brothers, John of Mashpee, Mass., and Joe of Huntington Beach, Calif. Rosary will be said at 7 p.m., Sunday, at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in Arlington. The memorial service will take place at the church at 10 a.m., Monday, September 6. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association or to a charity of choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

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St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church
1200 S. Davis Dr.
Arlington, TX 76013