



Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter

June 11, 1940 - March 17, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that Mr. Richard McLean "Dick" Porter, Sr., and his family announce the death of his beloved wife, Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter, 85.

Mrs. Porter entered into rest on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 1 o'clock on Sunday, March 22, 2026, at First Presbyterian Church, with The Rev. Ashley Cheek officiating. The family will receive friends at a reception immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to the Thornwell Home for Children, 302 S. Broad Street, Clinton, SC 29325.

Brenda was born on June 11, 1940, in Pocahontas, VA. She was the daughter of the late Hazel Perry Crockett and the late Eules Blaine Crockett. She graduated from Pocahontas High School in 1957, Lees-McRae Junior College in 1959, and Radford University in 1962. She taught in the Fairfax County School System in Virginia from 1962 until 1966. She married Richard McLean Porter in 1966, and they had three children: Wendy Carole, Richard McLean,

Jr., and Betsy Megan.

She also taught in Elizabethtown, NC, and Forsyth County, NC, before moving to Hartsville in 1969. She worked part-time as the DCE of First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville, SC, from 1972 until 1976. She taught at Hartsville High School from 1982 until 1992. She received her Master's in Education from Francis Marion University in 1984.

In 1995, she and Dick purchased Minnie's Giftique in Hartsville. She has been an active member of First Presbyterian Church since 1969. She served as a Deacon, a member of the choir, a youth leader, a pastor's aid, and went on several mission trips to the Dominican Republic.

Her favorite place to be was Montreat, NC, where she and Dick attended multiple Arts, Recreation, and Worship conferences, Worship and Music conferences, Fall Craft Weeks, and an occasional Youth Conference. It is a place where it is easy to experience God.

She is survived by her loving husband, Richard McLean Porter Sr. of Hartsville, SC; children, Wendy Porter Folsom (Cleve) of Hartsville, SC, Richard McLean Porter, Jr. (Susan) of Greensboro, NC, and Megan Porter Grant (Kevin) of Pawley's Island, SC; grandchildren, Caroline Leigh Porter (Alan), Kramer Cleveland Folsom III, Porter McLean Folsom, Perry Claire Gore, Karenna Katherine Porter, and Richard Carpenter Porter; great grandchildren, Henry Jiahai Porter Peh, and Sohie Jiale Porter Peh.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Betsy Crockett Mills.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
213 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - March 20 at 04:36 PM

PJ

Her service today was so moving and Richard and the preacher captured Brenda so well. We will miss her but hold so many fond memories 😊

PENELOPE A JONES - March 22 at 10:15 PM

KJ

“ *Dear Porter Family, I was saddened to hear about Brenda's passing. She was such a fine and caring lady. Some people affect you in their own quiet way and Brenda was such a person. She showed me much how to be effective without drama, with true Christian empathy and humanity. She will be missed greatly.*

Ken Krueger Jr - April 11 at 07:44 PM

WH

“ *WILLIAM HOWELL lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter*



WILLIAM HOWELL - March 22 at 09:00 PM

MS

“ Mike And Pat Sparrow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter



Mike and Pat Sparrow - March 22 at 07:41 AM

RG

“ Rita Gregory lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter



Rita Gregory - March 21 at 11:42 PM

TS

“ Dick,
We send our deepest sympathy to you and your family on Brenda's passing. We have always learned from the talent, faith and christian love you two have demonstrated/shared with the Hartsville Presbyterian family over many years. We will pray for God's continued blessings and care for you.
Tom and Cheryl Spencer

Tom Spencer - March 21 at 07:46 PM

LT

“ Dick, Wendy, Richard, and Megan I am so sorry to read this about Brenda my mind went back to the memories of the four years that I worked for her at Minnie's She was always sweet and kind to me and I know she will be missed by all of you. My Prayers are with each and every one of you.

Linda Tolson - March 21 at 07:44 PM

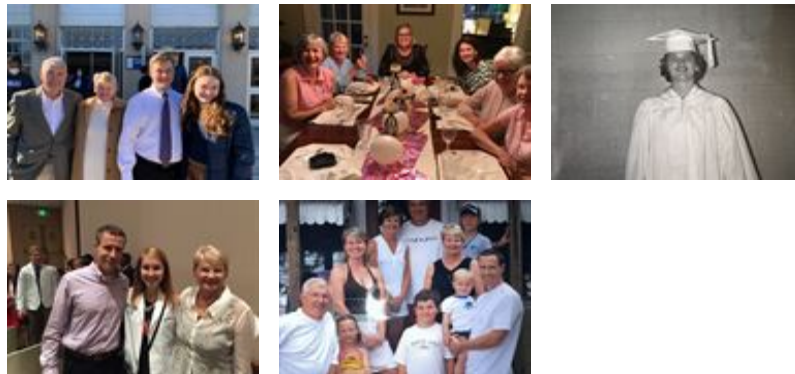
LS

“ Dick, Wendy, Richard, and Megan, I am at a loss for words and my heart is broken over Brenda's passing. For so many years, especially the Ballentine years, Brenda was a surrogate parent. In the years since, she reached out with countless acts of kindness and generosity to me and my family. I know she will be greatly missed.

Louanne Smith - March 20 at 06:46 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - March 20 at 04:30 PM

VB

“ Wendy and family: So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a dear lady. She will be missed. Prayers for the family as you go through this time of grief. Focus on the good memories!

Vernon Boyd - March 19 at 10:18 PM

SO

“ Judy and I send our sympathies to you and your family on the loss of Brenda. You are in our thoughts during this difficult time.

Stacy Owen - March 19 at 07:18 PM

SJ

“ *Sheila Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter*



Sheila Johnson - March 19 at 02:44 PM

SM

“ *Mr. And Mrs. Porter accepted me as one of their own while growing up one street over. Mrs. Porter would always point me to the kitchen pantry with a big smile and wink for me to take my regular, almost daily, big spoonful of marshmallow puff and peanut butter. I will always hold her close to my heart with love and admiration.*

Sharon Bachman Mikola - March 19 at 01:32 PM



“ *She was a wonderful teacher. Sending warmth, love, and care to the family.*



Susie Bloodworth - March 19 at 12:38 PM

EC

“ *Elaine J Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter*



Elaine J Carpenter - March 19 at 12:01 PM

CH

“ Claire Howle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter



Claire Howle - March 19 at 12:37 AM

KL

“ Mr. Porter, Wendy and Megan, so sorry to hear of passing of your mom. Hold tight to all the sweet memories you share as a family. Praying for each of you during this time. Love and hugs, Kathy Lawhon

Kathy Lawhon - March 18 at 10:57 PM

TL

“ Tru And Ed Lawton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter



Tru and Ed Lawton - March 18 at 10:34 PM



“ Mrs Brenda was a sweet lady with a contagious smile she was a wonderful teacher just an all around classy lady she will be missed praying for her family and friends



Crystal Minnehan - March 18 at 09:30 PM

BG

“ Sorry to learn of Brenda’s passing. Peace and comfort to her family in the coming days.

Bess and Don Gore

Bess Gore - March 18 at 08:31 PM

AR

“ Sorry about Mrs. Porter's passing and Praying for the family.



Alice Reynolds - March 18 at 08:25 PM



“ Mrs. Porter was tough... and so kind at the same time. My fondest memory (although not so fond in that moment) was one of her standing in the kitchen, brushing her wet hair.... laughing and enjoying the fact that Wendy and I had done something really stupid and we were in big trouble... she didn't need to fuss at us... for once, our fathers were taking care of that! We deserved every punishment we got! She will be missed dearly! Prayers for Mr. Porter, Wendy, Richard and Megan! Melissa Morris Campanaro

Melissa Campanaro - March 18 at 08:08 PM

AS

“ Al & Melinda Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter



Al & Melinda Sansbury - March 18 at 07:55 PM

LR

“ *Lester And Lori Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter*



Lester and Lori Reynolds - March 18 at 06:59 PM

II

“ *I have Many fond memories of her. She was quite gifted and loved her family deeply. Her faith was quite evident in her daily expression of doing life to her best!*

Irene Ingram - March 18 at 06:33 PM

VN

“ *Vickie Newsome lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter*



vickie newsome - March 18 at 06:01 PM

DO

“ *Dianne O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter*



Dianne O'Neal - March 18 at 04:42 PM

JB

“*Dick, Megan, Wendy, and family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to each of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you walk through this very difficult time.*”

Joyce Beasley - March 18 at 03:47 PM

WH

“*Wade Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter*”



Wade Harris - March 18 at 02:02 PM

TW

“*I was deeply saddened to learn of Brenda's passing. I greatly admired and respected her. Sending much love and heartfelt condolences to all.*”

Terri Northcutt Woodham - March 18 at 12:12 PM

RS

“*Rebecca Skimner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter*”



Rebecca Skimner - March 18 at 10:50 AM

EW

“ Wendy and family so sorry to hear this news...may wonderful memories of your sweet mom fill your heart with peace and comfort.



Elizabeth Wilhelm - March 18 at 10:22 AM

KG

“ Kristie Howle Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter



Kristie Howle Gardner - March 18 at 02:24 AM

CB

“ Tom and I are so very sorry to get this news. Brenda was such a lovely and talented person. She & Dick sang in our choir for about 50 years, and she was such a great worker for so many years, too. She will be greatly missed. May God wrap his arms around each of you & give you peace. Love, Cecelia

Cecelia Brown - March 17 at 08:45 PM

LS

“ Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter



Lavonde Smith - March 17 at 08:35 PM

DM

“ Peace and love to the whole family from Daniel, George and Christopher Malone, so sorry to hear the news.

Daniel Malone - March 17 at 08:33 PM

LL

“ Sending love, hugs and prayers to this family today and the days to come. We are so sorry for your loss ❤️🙏



Lawrence & Cindy Lowe - March 17 at 08:16 PM

KR

“ Dick I am sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. You and your family will be in my prayers.



Kathryn Talbert Roscoe - March 17 at 07:48 PM

TH

“ Wendy, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother 💔 You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Please take care of yourself and know that your school district family is here to support you! Love, Tammy Haile



Tammy Haile - March 17 at 07:45 PM

CC

“ *Christel Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter*



Christel Copeland - March 17 at 07:17 PM

RM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for Dick and the Porter family.*

Robert Mcwatty - March 17 at 05:55 PM

GG

“ *Gene And Teresa Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter*



Gene and Teresa Gibson - March 17 at 05:53 PM

RS

“ *Prayers lifted for the Porter family.*



Robert & Rose Steen - March 17 at 05:51 PM

CM

“ *Cody T. Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Crockett Porter*



Cody T. Mitchell - March 17 at 05:45 PM

AW

“ *Blessings and Love for my Beautiful Friend Brenda.*



Anna Williams - March 17 at 05:28 PM