



## Mary Cress Porter

October 20, 1945 - December 24, 2016

Athens, TX/Big Stone Gap, VA

Mary Porter, a longtime resident of Athens, TX, passed away on December 24, 2016.

Mary was born in 1945 to George and Stella Cress from Big Stone Gap, VA. Mary moved to Athens, TX in 1987, where she was employed for many years at First National Bank of Athens. She loved socializing, working in her yard and traveling.

She is survived by her son, Jon Baker; her grandson, Colton Baker; her sister, Judy Bishop of Big Stone Gap; brother, George Cress of Kingsport, TN; as well as many other family and friends.

A graveside service will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday (Jan. 3, 2017) at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens in Big Stone Gap with Dr. Roy Smith officiating. Family and friends are asked to meet at the cemetery by 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com).

Holding Funeral Home is serving Mrs. Porter's family.

# Cemetery Details

## Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
(276) 679-0030

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

**JAN 3** (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Cress Porter*

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October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *In memory of my dear cousin Mary, my loving thoughts of you, our childhood through out the many years we were all together shall always remain alive and present. Thanks for being a part of my life and sharing yours with me. Our memories will stay alive and always present in my thoughts. I love You.*

*Cousin Charles*

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**Charles Warden** - December 31, 2016 at 11:15 PM



*Mary, this is Jimmy Lawson. Neighbor in big stone gap that moved away in 1962. I was on line yesterday searching big stone gap and that is when I first learned of your passing. It saddened me greatly to say the least. I must tell you that you were and always will have a special place in my heart. I was much to shy to tell you at the time and even though we were very young, I must tell you that I was always madly in love with you and if not for my moving away I firmly believe we would have had a future life together full of all the wonderful things that surely would have come our way. I loved you then and I love you now. May God bless you in his kingdom and give you eternal happiness. Always, Jimmy lawson*

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**Jimmy Lawson** - July 18, 2022 at 10:23 AM