



## Bruce Porter

March 27, 1946 - March 30, 2026

Bruce Porter, left this world peacefully on March 30, 2026 shortly after his 80th birthday. He was born on March 27, 1946, in Modesto, California, to Josephine and Paul Porter, and was raised in Waterford. His father passed away when Bruce was a young boy, and his mother later married Leroy Woody, who became a devoted stepfather and a guiding influence in Bruce's life.

From a young age, Bruce excelled in athletics. He was a standout running back at Oakdale High School and a highly decorated track and field athlete. Specializing in the 100-yard dash, he once held the United States National Junior Olympics record in the 4x100 meter relay for his age group.

Bruce served proudly and with distinction in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged as a Specialist Fifth Class (SP5) in 1973.

He married Dolores Sisson, with whom he had three children: Bruce Jr., Yvonne and Paul. He went on to build a long and successful career at Foster Poultry Farms, where he retired as Vice President after dedicating 32 years of service to the company in many capacities.

In 1984, Bruce married his eternal love Marge Beatty Soderquist,

affectionately known as “Miss Margie.” Through their marriage, Bruce gained three stepchildren: Sheri LaCross, Teresa Benedict, and Rick Soderquist, creating a loving blended family.

Bruce was an avid golfer and a member of Turlock Golf and Country Club. He traveled the world playing the game he loved and collected logo golf balls from each course he played. At last count, he had played over 270 courses worldwide.

Bruce’s siblings included Paula Porter, Marlene Woody and Stanton Woody.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Porter and Josephine and Leroy Woody; his sister, Paula Sexton; his son, Bruce Porter Jr.; and his loving wife of 38 years, Marge. He is survived by his two children Yvonne (Greg) Breasher and Paul (Kadi) Porter; and Marge’s three children Sheri (Randy) LaCross, Teresa Benedict and Rick Soderquist. He is also survived by, and was the proudest of grandfathers to, Ashley Aguiniga, Travis LaCross, Bergen Benedict, Claire Porter, Braden Benedict, Paul Porter, Kameron Porter, and Paxton Porter, and the adoring great-grandfather of Rhyllie Fry.

Bruce also shared a deep love for his pets—his dogs Abby and Penny, and his cat Sadie—who were faithful companions throughout his life.

Bruce’s legacy is one of perseverance, achievement, professional dedication, and unwavering devotion to his family, who loved him dearly in return.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Atul Verma at Global Hospice & Palliative Care, and Bryan Van Vliet at River View Post Acute for their excellent care during Bruce’s final months.

Services will be held at Turlock Memorial Park and Funeral Home at 10:00 AM

on Monday, April 20, with a small family-only graveside service to follow. In lieu of gifts, the family asks that donations be made to New Life Christian Center (Turlock) or Global Hospice & Palliative Care (Modesto).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **20**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home  
425 North Soderquist Road  
Turlock, CA 95381  
(209) 632-9111  
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ I was trying to remember my first encounter with Bruce - I am sure it was through Marge when she & Betty Ireland had their Bridal Store on East Main... and then Jim Theis who encouraged me to “join” a Saturday morning TGCC golf group with Bruce, Sun Kim, Jim & whoever wanted to part with some hard-earned \$ in their “game” of ‘Wolf’ ! Bruce knew how to win through concentration- and a lot of ‘ribbing’ of the competition- to disarm younger fellows like myself always with a great smile and then he’d put-the-hammer-down when the Hole was to be won. It was usually best to be ON his team than not. And I will always appreciate his patience and encouragement on or off the course. Our condolences to all the families and closer friends.

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**Christopher & Sandra Freeberg** - April 19 at 09:24 PM

HJ

“ Bruce will be totally missed! He was such an amazing neighbor and Friend. He was a man of his word and I’m so honored to have bought our beautiful house from him!! It’s amazing and we feel his presence with the house!! I hope I can make him proud taking over the garden in back.

Bruce always amazed us. Anything I asked him he knows and was awesome at, sourdough bread making fudge etc and great advice when I asked him!

We will surely miss him!!

Hon David Hood and Joanne

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**Hon David Hood and Joanne** - April 11 at 10:00 PM

VP

“ Had the pleasure of having had Bruce as a patient for 20+ years until my retirement in 2018. Always enjoyed my chats with Bruce in the office. He was the consummate well-dressed gentleman's gentleman. Sincere condolences to friends and family, Vernon Park, Seattle, WA

Vernon Park - April 10 at 11:33 AM

LB

“ I am saddened to hear about Bruce's passing...too soon! Paul, Katie, Sherri, Teresa, Rick, and your extended families, I have such fond memories of Bruce (and Marge!). While I will be out of town for his celebration of life, know that I will be thinking of him and all of you during this very difficult time. Lynn

Lynn Bull - April 08 at 04:26 PM

JM

“ Thank you for the friendship Bruce. I know my Paul is keeping his promise of saving a golf date for you in heaven! Your friend and neighbor, Janie



Janie Marcaurel - April 06 at 10:23 PM

AA

“ I am the oldest of his grandchildren, to say he will be very missed is an understatement. Thanks to everyone who visited him, called him and showed care to this amazing man during his times of need. We love you all.



Ashley Aguiniga - April 06 at 05:48 PM