

Kent Rotary Tribute to Porter Hall

Porter "Port" Hall was a member of the Kent Rotary for sixty years until his death on July 10, 2015. He was a dedicated Rotarian, generally working behind the scenes, such as his years of serving as treasurer of the annual Kent Rotary Auction. Port would have celebrated his ninetieth birthday on August 3. His wife, Dona, to whom he was married sixty-three years, survives him. His daughter Susan, sons Tom and Larry, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive him.

After his birth in Cleveland, Ohio, Port spent nearly his entire life in Kent, graduating from Kent Theodore Roosevelt High School (1943) and Kent State University (1949). Between high school and college Port served in "B" Company, 302nd Infantry Regiment, 94th Infantry Division, earning a purple heart during his service in World War II. Following college, Porter worked in finance for forty-three years, retiring from Wachovia Securities in 1997.

Port was a member of the United Church of Christ in Kent, the Kent State University President's Club, and was a loyal member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity. Twin Lakes Country Club was one of Port's favorite places to spend time...playing golf, socializing with Dona and friends. He also loved winters in Fort Myers, Florida and summer vacations Gun Lake, Michigan.

Port was strong man and served others in a quiet and confident manner. He was devoted to his wife and family. He will be greatly missed by his Rotary sisters and brothers.

William Childers,
President, Rotary Club of Kent

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