



## Gladys Porter O'Connor

November 19, 1949 - February 18, 2021

Gladys Porter O'Connor, 71, of Lebanon, PA, died on February 18, 2021 in St. Augustine, FL. She was born and raised in Brattleboro, Vermont. She graduated from St. Michaels High School and then received her bachelor's degree in radiologic technology from St. Joseph's College in Maine. Gladys started her career as an x-ray technologist and teaching x-ray technology at several hospitals and Good Samaritan in Lebanon, PA. Later she went to work at Siemens Medical where she managed for many years. Every Tuesday she wrote each one of her children and grandchildren a letter. She enjoyed taking care of her house, yard, and flowers and enjoyed swimming but more than anything she loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas O'Connor; children, Mary Ellen Hass, John P. Anderson; step children, Thomas Francis O'Connor and Emmalee Marie O'Connor ; grandchildren, Amelia, Grant, Elizabeth, Ethan, Logan, Anna, Grace, Owen, Tim and Helena; great grandchild, Star; siblings, Diane Chapman, Linda Wilbur and Michael Porter. She was preceded in death by step daughter, Allison Renee McKay; brother, John L. Porter and her parents, John and Helen Porter.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers spend time celebrating her life with your loved ones.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gladys Porter O'Connor*



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - February 20, 2021 at 11:06 AM

LB

“ *I had the pleasure to work with Gladys at Siemens medical. She was my mentor when she trained me in diagnostics. She was a beautiful lady and we always had a great time working together. I will miss her greatly. My thoughts and prayers go out to her loving husband and her children and grandchildren. Memory eternal my friend.*

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**lori bozovich** - February 24, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ *Words cannot express how saddened we were to hear of Gladys' passing. She was a very special person who was always so kind and caring to our family especially to our daughters. We always enjoyed seeing her and Tom at The Beach Club every year. They treated us like family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom and the rest of the family during this difficult time. We will miss her dearly.*

*Sending our love and heartfelt condolences,  
Phil, Lesley, Emma & Sophia Hood*

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**Lesley Hood** - February 24, 2021 at 08:08 PM

SH

“ Gladys and I both volunteered in the Compassion Ministries office at Hershey Free Church. I compiled the report to the Deacons and she did the financial part. (when I retired from that position, she did the whole report!) Our paths didn't cross too often, but when they did, we had some interesting chats. (interesting, her maiden name was Porter and so was my Grandmother's.) My sympathy goes out to the family with this untimely passing, but Gladys is with Jesus now, our ultimate goal.

Sylvia Houser

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**Sylvia Houser** - February 24, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ Gladys was such a vibrant, strong, beautiful, wise and godly woman. It's so difficult to believe she has passed. I will miss her! I am very blessed to have had her friendship. She loved Jesus. I know she is with Him now, in perfect peace and joy. I'm glad I will see her again one day. Realizing this makes her loss more bearable. Praying for God's grace and peace to envelope her family.

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**Dana Stoner** - February 23, 2021 at 06:40 PM

AR

“ We knew Gladys from TBC as a vivacious and outgoing personality. The time we spent with her was always enjoyable and memorable. May she rest in our Lord's grace.

Our sympathy to Tom and her family.

Roberta, Arlene & Mario

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**Arlene** - February 23, 2021 at 10:29 AM

KA

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Kathleen** - February 22, 2021 at 03:09 PM

DF

“ Gladys was in a ladies home Bible study with me for a few years. She loved Jesus and reflected His love to all of us with her smiles, laughter and encouraging words. I am praying for her family during this difficult time of loss. *Dolly Fankhanel*

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**Dolly Fankhanel** - February 21, 2021 at 07:38 PM

HE

“ Gladys always had a smile on her face. I will always remember her for her kindness and her love of life. The last time I was with her she showed me pictures of her family and friends. I could tell how much she cherished them. My heart goes out to her family.

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**Helen** - February 21, 2021 at 05:16 PM

JG

*I got to know Gladys from a Bible Study. We was always a sweet woman and had a sweet smile. My husband and I have wonderful memories of her. Our prayers are with the family.*

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**Jan and Galen Good** - February 21, 2021 at 07:30 PM

AF

“ Gladys was beautiful inside and out. She shared her joy of life with everyone around her and will be missed. Her life with Tom was one of fulfillment and goodness.

Ann Freitag - February 21, 2021 at 03:09 PM

MJ

“ Gladys and I were colleagues at Siemens Medical for many years prior to her retirement. To lose her is a real tragedy. My heart goes out to her family and many friends.



Mike Jenkins - February 21, 2021 at 01:54 PM

LN

“ My memories of Gladys are from grade and high school in Brattleboro VT, with her sisters and brothers. A truly sweet person. I had the good fortune of seeing Gladys again 6 years ago, when she graciously brought their Mom to my Dad's 100th birthday party. A loving daughter. My warmest condolences to her family as they carry her memory forward and she guides them daily.  
Lucille Roberge Nadeau

Lucille Roberge Nadeau - February 21, 2021 at 01:36 PM

AA

“ I am so saddened by this. Gladys was a beautiful person inside, and out. I feel so fortunate she chose me to do her hair for the last several years. My deepest sympathies to her family.



Ashley Atanasoff - February 20, 2021 at 09:41 PM

LW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Linda Wilber - February 20, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ 13 files added to the album Life Tributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - February 20, 2021 at 11:07 AM

EO

*Thank you everyone for your love and support. Gladys a beautiful woman will be very much missed. My Dad would prefer that instead of sending flowers you spend time celebrating her life. Emmalee O'Connor*

Emmalee O'Connor - February 20, 2021 at 12:40 PM

SL

*Gladys was such a wonderful person and will be so greatly missed. She helped my nana (Sharon Warfel) and I with many personal issues. She was also so kind and such a spirit to be around! I have so many amazing memories with her! I will forever remember her and hold a place for her in my heart. -Sadie Lillenstein*

Sadie Lillenstein - February 21, 2021 at 07:47 PM

MD

“ Our memories of Gladys are that she was a strong, no nonsense, but at the same time, funny person. Never afraid to share her thoughts. Our thoughts and prayers are to her and her family. Rest in Peace. Mike and Anna Demetrio

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**mike demetrio** - February 20, 2021 at 10:25 AM

CS

Our sympathy goes out to Tom and their families. Gladys was a dear friend. She was a sharp, funny, loving gal. We shared many fun times together at the Beach Club over the past 15 years. She was so kind to our family and especially our granddaughters when they were at the Club. We will miss her and her smile forever. Rest Peacefully Gladys.

Alex and Caroline Steiner

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**Caroline Steiner** - February 20, 2021 at 12:11 PM

SW

Gladys...you gave to others everyday of your life. We are devastated by our loss of you and will celebrate your life by practicing the many ways that you genuinely cared for others. We love you and miss you....Sharon and chuck

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**sharon warfel** - February 20, 2021 at 01:21 PM

LW

Gladie was my middle sister. I will be forever grateful that I had her in my life. She was a beautiful soul. I'm still trying to wrap my arms around her passing. I will miss her.. She was an angel to me. I remember her caring giving ways. A wonderful mother and grandmother and a wife, sister, and friend. I will so miss you my remarkable sister. A life taken to soon.Love you tons and tons and tons more <3 You are home <3

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**Linda Wilber** - February 20, 2021 at 02:15 PM

BL

*Gladys and I discovered how much alike we were and built a great friendship from that. She was so caring, loving and giving. I will really miss her and our Monday morning conversations as well as when she was walking. She was a very special person and will be greatly missed. Love you lots and miss you more then you can know. Barbara Long*

barbara long - February 20, 2021 at 04:05 PM

JN

*Her smile made you smile. When she smiled you knew it was genuine and meant from her heart. She will be missed.*

Joan N - February 20, 2021 at 04:38 PM

CS

*I will not get over the loss of this friend for a long time. I loved her so much and she was always such an encouragement to me. My life was enriched by her presence. The Lord spoke to me a lot through her death and reminded me that we are never promised tomorrow. Where will you spend eternity? I know Gladys is with Jesus and I will spend eternity with her. That gives me so much peace. I will miss her terribly. She loved her family so much and was so proud of all of them. I love you Gladys always. See you again in Heaven.*

Corinne Sechrist - February 21, 2021 at 11:08 AM

JS

*The last time I saw Gladys was about 5 yrs ago.... it was at my high school reunion. We went to school together from early on through high school, although she was a year behind me. She was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. Such a bright light snuffed out too soon. My heart breaks for her entire family. Offering my sincere, heartfelt condolences to all of her family and close friends. We know she rests in peace, in the Light with God.*

Joan Roberge Sullivan - February 21, 2021 at 02:32 PM

LK

*My heart just breaks for Tom and family. My sincere sympathy and prayers go out to all of the family at this very sad time. I know she loved The Beach Club very much and she will be missed so much!*

Lora Knopf - February 21, 2021 at 07:35 PM

NW

*My deepest sympathies and prayers for her family and loved ones. Gladys was a beautiful and caring person. I always appreciated her positive energy and dedication to her profession and people during our time together at Siemens. My heart goes out to all of you. Wishing you all peace and comfort during this very difficult time.*

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**Nanci Wozniak** - February 22, 2021 at 11:10 AM

PG

*I read tribute after tribute to Gladys. She received so many because she was a very special woman. Throughout my years at the BC, I have spent many hours with her and we developed a very unique friendship. I am 16 years older than Gladys. My age didn't seem to bother her a bit. She taught me how to use a computer about 15 years ago and now I can use my computer knowledge to tell you why she was loved by everyone who met her. She was kind and always wanted to help. She was well read and willing to share her knowledge. She was always positive...I never heard her speak negatively about anyone. She included me in her Trivia games even though I didn't know any Trivia. She always had a smile on her face even if she lost at pinochle. She loved her family and frequently talked about them and she always asked me about my family. The last time I saw Gladys was our last night at the BC and we went out to dinner with Tom and her. Tom drove us in his red Toyota Avalon hybrid. We liked that car so well, we bought one. After that Gladys and I would laugh and compare mileage. The BC or our Toyota will never be the same. Whenever I am at the BC or enter our Toyota I will remember Gladys and thank God for knowing her.*

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**Patricia Giza** - February 23, 2021 at 06:48 PM

DH

*This is an amazing lady that now is running, dancing and walking in the celestial clouds. What a zest and vivacious person to grace all who she met. You will so be sorely missed at The Beach Club ...your other home.*

*Donita and Bruce Higgins*

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**Donita B Higgins** - February 23, 2021 at 07:40 PM

BM

*It always saddens me when when a life is lost that you have always enjoyed spending time with. Laughing, is how I will remember Galdys. Her good sense of humor, her wit and her smile. I am glad that Gladys shared her life with us.*

*Brian and Sally McGeehan*

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**Brian McGeehan** - February 24, 2021 at 04:07 AM

AH

*I was so saddened to hear of Gladys' tragic passing. What a shock that must have been for you, Tom and your family. Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your wife, mother and grandmother. I know she enjoyed coming to Florida and called the Beach Club her home. She will be sorely missed,*

*Ann Hendricks*

*Beach Club Board of Director*

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**Ann Hendricks** - February 26, 2021 at 09:29 AM

TO

*Thank you for all the wonderful comments. A service for her will be conducted toady in Hershey, PA to give family, and local neighbors and friends an opportunity to share and say goodbye. Tater (aka Gladys) is gone but our memories of her are all solid gold.*

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**Tom OConnor** - March 06, 2021 at 06:08 AM