



Rev. Ralph Porchia

May 31, 1954 - June 19, 2020

Rev. Ralph Porchia, 66 yrs. old of Stephens, Arkansas, passed Friday morning, June 19, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Ralph Porchia was born May 31, 1954, to Joe Porchia and Norma Hamilton Porchia in Stephens, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two Brothers, Vincent "Babe" Porchia and Larry Porchia, Sister, Catherine V. Lewis.

Cherished memories will remain with his wife Glenda Porchia of Stephens, Arkansas; Son, Timothy Porchia (Christy) of Bryant, Arkansas; Daughter, Kasey Porchia of Stephens, Arkansas; Son/Nephew, Larry A. Porchia (Angela) of Texarkana, Texas; Brother, Lonnie Porchia (Dorothy) of Stephens, Arkansas; (3) Grandchildren, Preston Porchia, Madison "Maddy" Loggins, and Christopher Loggins all of Bryant, Arkansas; Special Friend, Debbie Thrower of Sparkman, Arkansas; (2) Sisters-in-law, Shirley Price of DeSoto, Texas, and Deborah Smith (Jerry); Brother-in-law, Louis Thrower (Lavern) of Fort Worth, Texas, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 27th, 2020, at St. Stephens Baptist Church in Stephens, Arkansas at 12:00 p.m., with burial to follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Sparkman, Arkansas, under the direction of R.L.

Reed Funeral Home, LLC., in Magnolia, Arkansas. Dr. Kevin Kelly, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, will be the eulogist.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will "ONLY" be an attendance of 150 people "TOTAL", that will be allowed in for the services.

Visitation: Friday 1-4: p.m. at the funeral home.

The body will lie in state Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. until service time at the church.

Cemetery Details

Mount Carmel Cemetery

52 Hwy 207
Sparkman, AR 71763

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

St Stephen's Baptist Church
111 N Smith St
Stephens, AR 71764
(870) 786-5375

Tribute Wall

OA

“ *OBU/BASS Alumni Association lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



OBU/BASS Alumni Association - June 27, 2020 at 01:19 AM

MO

“ *Great memories at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Gone but not forgotten. RIP*

*Marilyn J. Ollison
Sparkman, AR.*

Marilyn J. Ollison - June 27, 2020 at 01:14 AM

MO

“ *Marilyn J. Ollison lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Marilyn J. Ollison - June 27, 2020 at 01:04 AM

FE

“ *Felix T. Eason lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Felix T. Eason - June 27, 2020 at 01:00 AM

FE

“ *Ralph was an inspiration and a friend to me doing his years at Stephens and at Ouachita Baptist University. It was a pleasure to know you and rest in peace.*

Felix T. Eason and the Eason Family from Sparkman

Felix T. Eason - June 27, 2020 at 12:57 AM

MB

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



melvin brown - June 26, 2020 at 09:48 PM

ST

“ *Shirley Williams Thorn lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Shirley Williams Thorn - June 26, 2020 at 09:02 PM

PK

“ *Patricia King lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Patricia King - June 26, 2020 at 06:47 PM

RH

“ Robert & Debbie Harper sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia



Robert & Debbie Harper - June 26, 2020 at 01:41 AM

TG

“ To the Porchia family, we pray God comforts and holds you in His arms during the time of this great loss. Coach Porchia, as I knew him, teacher, coach and mentor, and my family, will remain in our hearts forever! Rest in Love



Tonja Gill - June 25, 2020 at 03:35 PM

ML

“ Curtis and Mary Lewis's hearts feel a loss for "Preacher" as Curtis called him.. Curtis enjoyed the visits and conversations they shared with each other while sitting on the picnic table with it full of vegetables . He will be missed. He was a wonderful man that kept on going even when you could tell he didn't feel good. Our prayers and thoughts are with all the family Curtis and Mary lewis

mary lewis - June 25, 2020 at 11:45 AM

VR

“ Vanessa Rose lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia



Vanessa Rose - June 25, 2020 at 10:01 AM

TS

“ *Teresa Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Teresa Smith - June 25, 2020 at 09:55 AM

SQ

“ *Saundra Jenkins Quinn, so sorry to hear about your loss, will be praying for you and your family. May God continue to bless you and your family.*



Saundra Jenkins Quinn - June 25, 2020 at 01:45 AM



“ *John Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



John Jackson - June 24, 2020 at 11:57 PM



Weeping endureit for a night but joy cometh in the morning

John Jackson - June 25, 2020 at 12:01 AM

OJ

“ *Olliemarie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Olliemarie Jackson - June 24, 2020 at 08:15 PM

PJ

“ *Patrice Johnson-Kirby lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Patrice Johnson-Kirby - June 24, 2020 at 06:15 PM

PG

“ *Patrick And Keosha Gulley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Patrick and Keosha Gulley - June 24, 2020 at 03:14 PM

EJ

“ *Weeping may endure for a night but joy come in the morning. Rest In Peace My Brother. My condolences to the family.*



Elder James Randall jr - June 24, 2020 at 07:48 AM

DM

Expressions of my deepest sympathy extended to the family.

Dr. Ira Dean Marshall - June 24, 2020 at 11:09 PM

JL

*A wonderful nephew who will be missed
Rest in peace. Uncle James and Nancy Foresthill, Ca*

James Lock - June 27, 2020 at 04:11 PM

VW

“ *My heartfelt Condolences to you and your family, Mr Ralph Porchia will truly be missed. I will keep you Mrs Porchia and your family in my Prayers 🙏🙏🙏.*

Virginia Warren - June 24, 2020 at 07:48 AM

SL

“ *Sending my prayers to this wonderful family. He will always be in my memories. This was my second home when I was in school. I spent a lot of nights there and he knew how much I loved fish and every time I came over it was fish night. Stay strong classmate. Love you guys.*

Sherria Sanders Lewis - June 24, 2020 at 12:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Ralph Porchia.*



June 23, 2020 at 08:11 PM

PJ

“ *Sis. Porchia and children, I am sorry for your loss.*

Patrice Johnson-Kirby - June 23, 2020 at 05:42 PM

ER

“ *Etta Rankin sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Etta Rankin - June 23, 2020 at 04:52 PM

DM

“ *Darel, Stacy and Marcus purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Ralph Porchia.*



Darel, Stacy and Marcus - June 23, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Rev. Ralph Porchia.*



June 23, 2020 at 04:14 PM

VH

“ Vivian Hervey- Porchia *"The Earth Has No Sorrow That Heaven Can't Heal. God Bless to my entire Porchia Family.*



Vivian Hervey-Porchia - June 23, 2020 at 02:09 PM

NT

“ Nakia Todd *lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Nakia Todd - June 23, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Ralph Porchia.*



June 23, 2020 at 03:44 AM

LB

“ Loretta Beck *lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Loretta Beck - June 22, 2020 at 11:50 PM

TC

“ *Condolences to the family. memories as a student on Mr Porchia’s votech bus Great humble and humorous*

Tamiko Coleman-Robinson - June 22, 2020 at 11:46 PM

BC

“ *My Condolences to the family, Im so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I'm praying that God gives you healing and peace.*
Barbara Cooper



Barbara Cooper - June 22, 2020 at 11:29 PM

CS

“ *You will be missed coach. Was a good man*

chris sims - June 22, 2020 at 11:23 PM

CJ

“ *Charles And. Lesa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Charles and. Lesa Johnson - June 22, 2020 at 10:54 PM

EM

“ *Praying for God's embrace, and peace for the family.*

Esther Murray - June 22, 2020 at 10:52 PM

VL

“ Praying for the family.

*Demetrius and Jackie Lewis
Garland, Tx*

Veronica Lewis - June 22, 2020 at 09:48 PM

TL

“ Coach Porchia was my teacher at Harmony Grove. He was a wonderful man and I have always remembered him! Praying for your peace and comfort. May it bring you joy to know how many lives he influenced.

Teresa Thomas Loveless - June 22, 2020 at 09:42 PM

DB

“ My condolences to the Family of Brother Ralph Porchia. I remember, when he would be sitting on our porch as kids, waiting for me and my sister to get done eating lunch, to come outside to play marbles. He would shout, I'm out here, I'll wait, gonna beat y'all anyway, I think he was cheating, he won every game, he taught us how to play the game. He was a good friend. RIP Rev. Porchia

Deloris Blackmon - June 22, 2020 at 09:31 PM

JF

Praying for the family! God will see you through the trying times. May God continue to bless all of you.

Johnnie Mae Criner Fort - June 22, 2020 at 11:18 PM

SP

“ Oh my dear friend. You are truly going to be missed. Family you have our prayers and condolences.
Supt. Donald Page

Supt Donald Page - June 22, 2020 at 09:22 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Heard lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Brenda Heard - June 22, 2020 at 08:05 PM

BH

Prayers and Condolences to the Porchia Family 🙏

Brenda Heard - June 22, 2020 at 08:09 PM

GT

“ *Gracie W. Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Gracie W. Tucker - June 22, 2020 at 07:35 PM

VK

“ *Condolences to the family.*



Velma/Felecia Kemp - June 22, 2020 at 07:29 PM

HC

“ *Henrietta Curry lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Henrietta Curry - June 22, 2020 at 07:29 PM

JF

“ *Jennifer Fielding lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Jennifer Fielding - June 22, 2020 at 07:09 PM

SG

“ *Shirley A Glover lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Shirley A Glover - June 22, 2020 at 06:58 PM

SG

“ *Prayers to The Family. Know that our heart goes out to you all. I remember my dad going to see him time to time.*

Shirley A. Glover
Daughter of Late James (JB) Glover

Shirley A Glover - June 22, 2020 at 06:57 PM

JA

“ To The Porchia Family , our sincere condolences. A outstanding Stephens Ambassador representing the Kingdom, His Family, his classmates , his teams, his Stephens . Ralph Your Memories will live !!! Jerry Wayne /Linda iArrington



Jerry Wayne Arrington - June 22, 2020 at 06:49 PM

PJ

“ My deepest and most sincerest condolences to my family. My prayers and thoughts are with you all
Love Pam Johnson



Pamela Jones Johnson - June 22, 2020 at 06:20 PM

DB

“ Daphne Biddle lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia



Daphne Biddle - June 22, 2020 at 05:55 PM

ET

“ *Praying for strength and guidance for the family*



Eloise Tyson - June 22, 2020 at 05:18 PM

ER

“ *Edna Rowden lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Edna Rowden - June 22, 2020 at 04:55 PM

SB

“ *So sorry to hear about Rev. Porchia. I have all kinds of memories singing in the church choir at Oak Grove Church in Rosston. I can still hear him singing Jesus is my Rock. When he get to the little bird part was my favorite. (LOL)..... He is now resting and free. Rest on Rev. Porchia. I pray we all be ready when it's our time to go. To the family we love you and you are in our prayers.*

Sonia Bishop - June 22, 2020 at 12:09 PM

MP

“ *Melody Pace-Rone lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Melody Pace-Rone - June 22, 2020 at 10:12 AM

VW

“ I sure loved this sweet man. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



Vera Word - June 21, 2020 at 11:41 PM

MJ

“ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jefferson - June 21, 2020 at 04:08 PM

PC

Rip Ralp all the memories basketball love you my brother

Pauline Christopher - June 21, 2020 at 05:12 PM

HF

“ Hazel, Evante, Lee Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia



Hazel, Evante, Lee Smith Family - June 21, 2020 at 10:04 AM

MM

“ *Marvin Mallory lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Marvin Mallory - June 21, 2020 at 09:30 AM

MM

“ *Margie Warren Moore lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Margie Warren Moore - June 21, 2020 at 08:25 AM

HC

“ *Henrietta Curry lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Henrietta Curry - June 21, 2020 at 06:45 AM

RW

“ *Our condolences to Sister Porchia, children and family members. Rev. Porchia was a friendly and a kind spirited gentleman. He was a very humorous man who spoke his opinion and had an unwavering faith. God bless and keep you family. Our prayers are with you. Much love, Rev. Billy & Sis. Patricia Williams*

Rev. Billy & Sis. Patricia Williams - June 21, 2020 at 01:36 AM



“ *Sherry Marshall lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Sherry Marshall - June 20, 2020 at 05:45 PM

BD

“ *My condolences to the family. May you find peace and comfort during your time of bereavement.*

Bonnie Daniels

Bonnie Daniels - June 20, 2020 at 01:23 PM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Mary S. Pickings - June 20, 2020 at 01:23 PM

JS

“ *With Deepest Sympathy ...
Wishing you strength for today and comfort in
the days to come, knowing how much your
loved one meant to so many...*



Horace and Joy Springer

Joy Springer - June 20, 2020 at 12:38 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Washington lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Sandra Washington - June 20, 2020 at 10:59 AM

MG

“ *Mekia Gordon sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Mekia Gordon - June 20, 2020 at 07:23 AM

SR

“ *Shell Rone lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Shell Rone - June 20, 2020 at 07:20 AM

SM

“ *Sonia McCutchen lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ralph Porchia*



Sonia McCutchen - June 19, 2020 at 11:06 PM

RH

Rev. Rufus R. Hatley and the Hatley family, sends their prayers and Condolences to the Porchia family. God's Grace is sufficient to Comfort you in this most difficult time, we love you and also cherish precious moments. 🙏👉💕

Rev. Rufus R. Hatley - June 26, 2020 at 07:21 PM

BW

May God bless and strengthen each of you during this difficult time. Look to the hills from whence cometh our help and all our help comes from the Lord.

Bama Williams - June 26, 2020 at 09:23 PM