



Ralph Porter

December 31, 1969 - September 5, 2011

Obituary of Ralph Porter Ralph A. Porter, a retired land surveyor and longtime resident at the Ocala Jockey Club near Reddick, died early Monday at Tuscan House Hospice in Summerfield. He was 86. Mr. Porter was born in Yonkers, New York but grew up in New Zealand. During World War II, he enlisted in the Royal Air Force and was sent to Canada where he was training as a bomber pilot when the war ended. He was eligible for either New Zealand or U.S. citizenship; he chose the U.S., and settled in Los Angeles. Using his wartime flight experience, he went to work for Fairchild Corp. doing aerial surveys. His most notable experience from that time was organizing and conducting the aerial magnetic survey that led to the discovery of the North Slope oil field in Alaska. After being transferred to New York in 1948, he married the former Ruth Palmer, of Pomfret, Connecticut. The couple had no children. Mrs. Porter died in 2005. In 1969 the Porters moved to Talbot County, Maryland, where Mr. Porter worked for the next 20 years as a land surveyor. While living in Maryland, Mr. Porter was active in the Rotary Club and served as a navigator in local Power Squadron contests. He was also an avid tennis player and fan. Following his retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Porter relocated to Florida, where they lived in Darley Village at the Ocala Jockey Club -- formerly known as Meadowbrook Farm. For years, the Porters were active in the Farm Managers Association. Mr. Porter had no relatives in the U.S., but is survived by his close friends Alan and Carol Benner Doelp of Baltimore, Maryland; a niece in London, and several distant relatives in New

Zealand. Services were private; memorials may be directed to Hospice of Marion County, Florida.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Porter*

June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ralph was one of the kindest, most charming gentlemen I have ever met. He seemed to know quite a bit about everything and I loved hearing his wonderful accent, his hearty laugh and his jolly wit as he spun his tales of Alaska and New Zealand. I never left Ralph without a big smile on my face and feel honored to have had him as a friend. Ralph was so dear to so many and will never be very far away.*

Ann Bowman - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ralph always had interesting tales to tell of his life and places he lived. A true gentleman in every sense and he will be missed by us who knew him here.*

Shirley McCoy - September 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM