



### A Most Sincere Thank You

The family would like to thank everyone who has offered their support and sympathy during this time, your love and friendship meant everything to our mother. We would also like to recognize the Association of the Orange County Deputy Sheriff and the members of the Orange County Sheriff Department, along with the Knights of Columbus for their involvement in today's services, we are forever indebted for your service. Additionally, our gratitude goes out to the City of Hope and the men and women who held our mother's hand throughout her journey, we would ask that you please consider donating to the memorial fund established in her name:

<https://ourhope.cityofhope.org/campaign/in-loving-memory-of-donna-porter/c259990>



**Donna Lee Porter**  
April 2, 1952 – November 15, 2019



THE **LORD** IS MY  
*shepherd*  
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT

PSALM 23



**November 25, 2019**

San Antonio de Padua  
Catholic Church  
Anaheim Hills, California

# The Order of Mass

**Officiating:** Fr. Vincent Lopez, Senior Priest, St. Victor Church, Hollywood

**Cantor:** Debbie Williams

## Sequence of Events:

**Processional:** “Going Home”  
*Association of Orange County  
Deputy Sheriff’s Pipe Band*

**First Reading:** Wisdom 3:1-9,  
*Dennis Cardwell, Former  
Business Partner, Family Friend*

**Responsorial Psalm 27:**  
“The Lord is my Light”

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:14-23,  
*Israel Evans, Brother*

**Gospel Reading:**  
*Fr. Vincent Lopez*

**General Intercessions**  
Matthew Deller, Evelyn Deller,  
and Anthony DeMarco,  
*Grandchildren*

**Offertory Song:** “I Will Be With You”

**Presentation of Gifts:** Matthew Deller,  
Evelyn Deller, and Anthony DeMarco,  
*Grandchildren*

**Communion Song:** “Here I Am Lord”

**Communion Meditation:** “Ave Maria”  
Celtic Song of Farewell  
(Oh, Danny Boy)

**Final Commendation**

**Recessional:** “How Great Thou Art”

## The Fellowship of His Suffering

*by Israel Evans*

O my dear did you hear  
Another something else  
Another rip, another tear.

Open the door listen to God's Ring  
Welcome to the fellowship of His suffering.

On bended knee I go to the floor  
Closer to the ground where I see the cracks,  
The places in my life where He lives,  
to offer me more.

But God the tears, do they not sting  
Welcome to the fellowship of His suffering.

Many have come by the rugged way  
Of this gracious path,  
For to find it is His unfathomable Mercy,  
Not His wrath.

So now let the church bells ring  
and the congregation sing  
Another has entered the fellowship  
of His suffering.

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**  
**Wayne Quint Jr.**, Former President of  
AOCDS, Executive Director of L.A.  
County Professional Peace Officers  
Association

**Todd Spitzer**, Orange County  
District Attorney

**Matt Deller**, Son

# Donna Lee Porter

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Donna Lee Porter, age 67, passed peacefully at her home in Villa Park on November 15, 2019, surrounded by family and her dearest friends. She is survived by her son Matt Deller and his wife Elizabeth, along with their two children Matthew and Evelyn, her daughter Madalaine Deller and Frank DeMarco, with their son Anthony, her brother Israel Evans, and sister Madalaine Waters.

Born in the city of Long Beach, but an Orange County girl through and through, Donna was the oldest of three children, to parents Donald and Evelyn Evans. Even early on, she displayed a warmth that was equally matched by her sharp wit, that would see her placed on the Homecoming Court for Pacifica High School, then later, to win the affections of Clifford Deller, a deputy for the Orange County Sheriff’s Department. They soon married and had two children, Matt and Madalaine, and enjoyed many wonderful moments together, most of all which was the holiday spirit that would always fill the house around Christmas time.

Later, after a divorce, Donna, with two children to care for and no marketable skills or degrees, she endeavored to find a way to provide a future for herself and her family... and she found it in the construction industry. Taking what she had learned from her parents, who both had worked in many different capacities in construction and engineering, Donna soon built herself an empire that would span the entire region of Southern California... and she did this, as a woman, in an entirely male-dominated field. During this time, she also remarried, to Michael Porter, a deputy for the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department. She and Michael spent many loving years together, along with Michael’s two young children, Christal and Michael Jr, both of whom she loved very much and was proud to watch them all continue in their personal endeavors, even after she and Michael went their separate ways.

In addition, despite her incredible success, she never forgot her humble origins as a single mother, desperate to make a way for herself and her children. Thus, would continue to support a vast number of charitable causes throughout her life, especially focusing on needy children and families, as well as the men and women of law enforcement.

In the last two years of her life, while ovarian-uterine cancer certainly sapped her strength and her well-being, it did not, in any way whatsoever, diminish who she was as a person... fierce, loyal, possessed of humor, resolve and warm affection, along with an unwavering commitment to her lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Surrounded by her many Christmas trees and decorations, she was who she was, to her very last breath and for that, we are grateful, for there will never again be anyone like our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend...  
Donna Lee Porter.

**Burial following the Mass:**  
**Holy Sepulcher Cemetery**  
7845 E Santiago Canyon Road, Orange, CA 92869

**Reception to Follow:**  
**Antonello’s** (2:30 pm – 4:30 pm)  
3800 South Plaza Drive, South Coast Plaza Village, Santa Ana, CA 92704

