

Obituary



**PORTER,
Sean
February 25, 1966
- January 21, 2026**

Sean Porter was born on February 25, 1966, in St. John's, Newfoundland, to Fred and Elaine (Brown) Porter. He was christened William James Sean Porter, though his parents had always planned to call him Sean — a name that

suitied him perfectly.

Sean grew up in St. John's, with his childhood home sharing the same yard as his grandparents, Selena (Mudd) and James ("Pop") Porter. Because of this close proximity, he maintained a close and loving relationship with his grandparents throughout his life, as well as with his special uncle, Edgar Porter. As an only child for his first four years, Sean thoroughly enjoyed the attention, before proudly welcoming his little brother Roger. Four years later, his sister Deanne arrived — an early birthday present that Sean always cherished.

After graduating from Queen Elizabeth High School in 1984, Sean continued his education at the Marine Institute and later explored nursing courses. During this time, he worked as a Personal Care Attendant at Glenbrook Lodge and at the Waterford Hospital in St. John's.

Ultimately, Sean found his calling in corrections. He attended Holland College in Prince Edward Island, graduating from the Corrections program, and began his career at the Juvenile Detention Centre in Whitbourne, Newfoundland.

In 1992, Sean achieved one of his proudest accomplishments when he was sworn into the RCMP. He began training at Depot Division in Regina on June 5,

1992. His first posting was Swift Current, Saskatchewan, where his trainer, Cathy Caudle, introduced him to her friend, Debbi Harder. Sean and Debbi were married on July 29, 1995, and welcomed their daughter Danielle in December 1996. From the very beginning, Danielle had her dad completely wrapped around her finger.

The family moved frequently throughout Sean's RCMP career. In 1998, they were transferred to Cumberland House, Sask., where they spent three years, followed by a move to Elbow, Sask. in 2001. Their son Matthew was born in early 2004, and Sean famously had him reading hunting magazines before they even left the hospital. That same year, Sean was promoted to Corporal and transferred to Maple Creek, Sask. Three years later, he accepted a Sergeant position in Watrous, Sask.

Later, Sean moved into a Restorative Justice role. When a planned transfer to Prince Albert was cancelled due to housing market challenges, Sean commuted to the Colonsay Detachment until the position was cut. He also spent time filling in at Maidstone and working with the Saskatoon Detachment. When additional transfers were offered, Sean made the difficult decision to prioritize family stability and retire from the RCMP after 26 years of dedicated service. He officially retired on April 10, 2018.

Retirement didn't last long. Feeling far too young to stop working, Sean briefly sold cars at Mainline Motors in Watrous before deciding six days a week wasn't quite his idea of retirement.

In May 2019, he began working seasonally for the Town of Watrous, mowing grass, weeding, and tackling whatever needed to be done. He loved the simplicity of the job — go to work, do your best, and go home.

In his spare time, Sean enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, and photography. He rarely missed a chance to support Danielle and Matthew in their activities — band, volleyball, softball, figure skating, baseball, judo, and hockey — sometimes as a coach, always as their biggest fan and proud dad.

In December 2022, one of Sean's grafts from a previous heart attack in 2009 failed. Although it was stented,

complications led to further hospitalization. In June 2023, Sean received an LVAD to assist his heart. He faced this life-changing surgery with determination, patience, and quiet strength. While the device meant being battery-powered by day and plugged in at night, Sean focused on the gift of more time. That fall, he achieved a personal goal — taking his beloved dog, Camo, pheasant hunting near Oungre, Sask.

LVADs serve as a bridge to transplant, and in September 2024, Sean was placed on the heart transplant list. The call came on January 10, 2026. Sadly, the transplant was not successful, and Sean passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute.

Sean was predeceased by his grandparents Selena and James Porter, William and Elsie Brown, his special uncle Edgar Porter, and his parents, Fred and Elaine (Brown) Porter.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife Debbi; his daughter Danielle; his son Matthew; his brother Roger (Anne) and their son Ian; his sister Deanne (Steve Evans) and their children Eric and Claire; along with many extended family members, friends, and colleagues who were fortunate to know him.

A Celebration of Life Service will take place at Watrous Civic Centre, Watrous, Sask. on Saturday, February 7th, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Joan Kessler officiating. A Columbarium Interment will take place in Watrous Cemetery at a later date.

For online condolences, tributes or to make a donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan or Good Hearts Transplant Foundation, 468 Southgate Centre NW, Edmonton, Alta. T6H 5Y7 "In memory of Sean Porter" please visit: <https://fotherringham-mcdougall.com/>

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