



## Joseph Dean Porter

May 17, 1952 - April 16, 2020

Joseph Dean Porter, 67 of Borden, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2020, following a battle with COVID-19 virus after triple bypass surgery earlier in March.

Joe was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to many. Joe was born on May 17, 1952, to Wilma Lindsey and Walter Joseph Porter in Murphysboro, IL. Joe "Dean" was one of five very close siblings and cherished his family time.

Joe was a retired IRS employee, where he served in numerous positions of leadership. He retired as a Senior Program Manager in the computer program area in 2008. Joe's daughter Lindsey Jo Breeden was his pride and joy.

Joe had many interests throughout his life, and anyone who met him knew he could not be idle. He had to be constantly working. Joe enjoyed working in his bees and helped several other beekeepers get started as well. He also helped build his local community parks. He loved his camping trips with family, friends, and just the guys. He was an outstanding cook and baker. He passed on his love of desserts to Lindsey, Brielle, and Caiden.

Joe was a member of Friends of the Borden Community Park, a foundation that he helped start in Borden, Indiana, and he was a member of the Borden

Lions Club and the Borden Braves Foundation.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Wilma and Joseph Porter, a brother-in-law Ken York, nieces Misty Green and Tara Gourley, and a nephew Danny Riddle.

Joe leaves behind a large hole in the hearts of his wife Sharon Porter, daughter Lindsey (Brian) Breeden of Clever, MO, sisters Charlene York of Rosebud, MO, Becky (Mike) Hiser of Murphysboro, IL, Jane (Mark) Holliday of Ava, IL, brother Jim (Kathy) Porter of Murphysboro, IL; granddaughter Brielle Breeden; grandson Caiden Robertson, Sharon's daughters Chelsea, Jen and Victoria, nieces and nephews, and many other close relatives.

Joe will be laid to rest at Goodbread Cemetery in Gorham, IL with private family services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Friends of Borden Community Park, % Pettett Funeral Home, 1418 South Street, Murphysboro, IL 62966.

For more information, please visit <http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com>.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Dean Porter*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Sharon, you have my condolences in the passing of Joe. Take care, Darwin Eldridge*

**Darwin Eldridge** - April 20, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ *Porter Family  
What a great man. I am glad I got to know him. You are all in my prayers.*

**Sandy Thompson** - April 20, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ *Sharon, I'm so sorry for your loss. Jill Warner*

**Jill Warner** - April 20, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *The family of Joe Porter, I grew up in Harrison hanging around with Dean and Dennis Ebersolh, will always have great memories of our hikes on Saturdays or Sundays, and our camping trips. My sympathy to you all.*

*Ed Snyder*

**Ed Snyder** - April 19, 2020 at 06:58 PM

JG

“ To Sharon, Lindsey and family, I knew Joe for more than 20 years as a coworker and at one point as his boss. He was the best of employees and a good friend. We worked together on a high stress project during which I admired Joe's calm approach to work that stressed out others. It's hard to believe he's gone. Too young, too soon. You have my heartfelt condolences. Joe will be missed. - Jim Gaul

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**Jim Gaul** - April 19, 2020 at 06:38 PM

LW

“ To Sharon and Family  
As someone that only got to know Joe during the past few years I reach out to you with open arms, not knowing what to say. We became very close working together on park activities. His friendship and support to me and the community of Borden will forever be remembered. He was a true and generous servant to the community in general. Joe was like a brother to me these past years and I will cherish the time we had working together.  
May the Lord bless you and comfort you now, and in the time ahead. Please know that we loved Joe, and we love you, and we are here to help.  
Les and Janet Wright

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**Les Wright** - April 18, 2020 at 03:53 PM

CW

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Dean's passing. My prayers are with his family.

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**Carla Attig Wood** - April 18, 2020 at 03:30 PM

TK

“ Very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I remember Dean from our days at MTHS and recall he excelled on the track team. My sincere condolences and sympathy to his family.

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**Thomas Kupferer** - April 18, 2020 at 02:45 PM

MC

“ Knew Joe when he was known as Dean. We attended the same church and went to the same high school. He ran the quarter mile in high school and qualified for the State Finals. (This was before they had class divisions -all schools competed together regardless of size). Sorry to hear of his passing.

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**Matt Chancey** - April 18, 2020 at 11:33 AM

DP

“ It was my pleasure to work with Joe. He was a knowledgeable, caring man who always had a smile, and a laugh close by. Our prayers for and condolences to his family. Debbie

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**Debbie and Neil Patel** - April 17, 2020 at 11:48 PM

DL

“ Dean was my friend.

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**David and Dawn Lewis** - April 17, 2020 at 11:24 PM

JP

“ We will forever miss and love you! Your friendship we will forever cherish. Fly high and RIP. Bob and Jeannie

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**Jeannie Posnansky** - April 17, 2020 at 10:15 PM

FH

“ Sharon and family, our sincere condolences. What a shock this is. Joe was a special person and a wonderful man. Frank and I will miss his wit and humor. Frank always talked about the good times he had with Joe when they were younger in Gorham. We both thought highly of Joe. He will be missed. Our deepest sympathies to you and all the family.

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**Frank and Rita Herndon** - April 17, 2020 at 09:02 PM

RS

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I met Joe when I joined the Internal Revenue Service in 1979. I have fond memories of Joe's wisdom and his wit from our various training classes.

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**Rebecca Hammer Schermann** - April 17, 2020 at 08:58 PM

RN

“ I meet Joe when he took over as the Senior Project Manager of a project I had been working on since the inception way back in Houston. This was a couple years later in Washington DC and he asked to meet me the day before he took over. I was like okay, let's see what this Joe will bring (our prior leader was also a Joe). He went straight to the point, no BS " just tell me, is this for real?" I asked do you want to know if you're going on boondoggle? I loved him right away, all business when it counted and the best friend to the end.

Just a few attributes that I always found so endearing was Joe was the ultimate gentlemen, in every way you could imagine. It could have been day # 55 in a row of 14 hour days and it was just an integral part of him to always be honorable and courteous.

The other was something I discovered by chance, after those long days working in DC, we'd all adjourn and walk "home" (hotel room)... Joe would stop and purchase a meal to give to one of the numerous homeless people encountered on the way.

We spent many years working together, spending more time at work than with our own family. He holds a deep place in my heart, forever.

Rest In Peace my friend, you were loved.

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**Rosa Neris** - April 17, 2020 at 08:46 PM

TD

“ You will forever be in our hearts! We love and miss you so very much.

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**Traci Drew** - April 17, 2020 at 08:34 PM

DW

“ Deepest sympathy to Joe's family. Joe was a wonderful kind-hearted person with a joyful sense of humor. Pecan season will not be the same without you. Love you dear friend.

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**Diane and Ken Wright** - April 17, 2020 at 07:19 PM

JS

“ I have very fond memories of Joe, as a fellow IRS trainee in 1979/1980. He was a nice, caring, funny man. I am very sorry for your loss.

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**Julie Alters Snodgrass** - April 17, 2020 at 04:46 PM

AM

“ Joe was a dear friend who brought joy into the lives of everyone he met. He will be greatly missed but the memories of all the good times we had will never be forgotten.

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**Art McDonald** - April 17, 2020 at 04:46 PM

CS

“ Joe was a great friend and will be missed but never forgotten. My heart breaks for Sharon and all of Joe's family. However, I can smile thinking about all the good times we had together. RIP Joe.

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**Craig Stevens** - April 17, 2020 at 04:38 PM

AX

“ Joe was a great friend and will be missed terribly. Wonderful memories of many years of friendship will be cherished.

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**Anna Maria Xenakis** - April 17, 2020 at 04:11 PM

JB

“ Joe was a great friend to all of us. We will miss him immensely after having him in our lives all of these years.

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**John Brueggeman** - April 17, 2020 at 04:05 PM