



## Joseph Luis Porto

March 17, 1955 - January 2, 2023

### JOSEPH LUIS PORTO

Passed away peacefully in his sleep, at home in Saint Anthony, MN on the night of January 1st, 2023. Born March 17th, 1955 to parents José and Maria, in Havana, Cuba. Joe migrated to the United States to escape the Castro regime at the age of 5 with his sister Mary, and aunt Keti, later to be joined by his parents. The family settled in Minnesota, where Joe attended St. Thomas Academy High School in Saint Paul, and met his first wife Mary Zingsheim (Porto), mother to their 5 children.

Joe graduated with a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Minnesota and later a M.A. in Industrial Relations from the UMN - Carlson School of Management. Joe would go on to build a successful 35-year career as a senior Human Resource Executive at several Fortune 100 companies.

Joe considered family his greatest life accomplishment. He most enjoyed spending time with his adult children, and young grandchildren. Holding compassion for others as a core value within his deep Christian faith, Joe found meaning in charity and volunteer work until his death.

Joe is preceded in death by his wife Mary Porto (Div.), and his parents Maria and José Porto. He is survived by his 5 children, Joseph (Mary) Porto; Danielle (Justin) Iverson; Christopher (Karly) Porto; Nicholas Porto; Jennifer Bennett; seven grandchildren; and his sister Mary Huber.

Service: Saturday (1/14) 1:00 PM at WASHBURN-McREAVY NOKOMIS PARK CHAPEL 1838 E Minnehaha pkwy, Mpls. with visitation one hour prior.

Inurnment ceremony to follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights.  
In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Feed My Starving  
Children, or Be The Match.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery (Mendota Heights)

2101 Lexington Avenue South  
Mendota Heights, MN 55120-1211

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel  
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(612) 721-1651  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Memorial Service

JAN 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel  
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(612) 721-1651  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Reception

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JAN 14. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel  
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(612) 721-1651  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Graveside Service

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JAN 14. 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

Resurrection Cemetery (Mendota Heights)  
2101 Lexington Avenue South  
Mendota Heights, MN 55120-1211

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Milton Moya lit a candle in memory of Joseph Luis Porto*



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**Milton Moya** - January 14, 2023 at 12:33 AM

MM

“ *3 files added to the album Joe*



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**Milton Moya** - January 14, 2023 at 12:31 AM

MM

“ *Rest in peace Joe.  
The last time I saw you were last summer at the Dooley's party, I remember exchanging a few words in Spanish, you always make people feel very comfortable.  
You will be missed 🙏*

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**Milton Moya** - January 13, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ 95 files added to the album Joe



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**Justin Iverson** - January 13, 2023 at 10:39 PM

MR

“ *In memory of our colleague and friend, Joe Porto.*

*Joe was a popular employee at MRA, and he was able to use his many years of HR experience to the benefit of the members he served.*

*He will be missed as a colleague and as a friend.*

*“Cry not because he’s gone.  
Smile because he was here.”*

*MRA will be making donations to the charities of his choice in his honor.*

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**MRA** - January 13, 2023 at 06:19 PM

LB

“ Joe was my favorite male cousin. That he was my only male cousin does not lessen my love for him. Being almost 2 months younger, helped make a close relationship growing up. Joe was the more conservative of us, leaving getting us into situations, my job. I would make him pretend we were Tony Oliva relatives, as we would sneak into the Twins club house area to meet players. We would be stopped at times. While living at an apartment complex in the DFW metroplex I convinced him and Mary to join me in skinny dipping at the complex pool. We were soon joined by many others. I have many Joe stories. I loved the guy. I will try and write them down (after my mandarin class is over 2/22) before I come back to the USA in March

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**luis beguiristain** - January 13, 2023 at 03:27 AM

MH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Mary Huber** - January 09, 2023 at 08:48 AM

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**Mary Huber** - January 09, 2023 at 08:45 AM

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**Mary Huber** - January 09, 2023 at 08:44 AM

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**Mary Huber** - January 09, 2023 at 08:38 AM

MH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Mary Huber** - January 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Luis Porto.*



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January 06, 2023 at 05:33 PM