



Michael Carlton Porter

December 3, 1954 - December 14, 2025

Michael Carlton Porter, age 71, of Greensboro departed this life December 14, 2025, at home. Mike was born December 3, 1954, to the late Carlton H. Porter and the late Kathleen B. Porter.

Mike graduated in 1973 from North Carolina High School. While in high school he played trombone in the band and performed in school plays. He graduated from Salisbury University in 1977 with a B.A. in Liberal Studies. He was a member of the college band and active in the college theater. He later returned to Salisbury University and earned a second degree in Communications in 1984.

Mike worked at Saulsbury Brothers in the summers while he was in high school. While in college he interned in the office of State Senator John A. Cade. After graduation from college, Mike worked at the Power Plant in Baltimore, at the Rose's store in Chestertown, for Delmarva Data, and for the Benedictine School as a classroom assistant and then in one of the cottages. For a time he was a member of the Roman Catholic Order of St. John of God in New Jersey; Momence, Illinois; Dublin, Ireland; Albuquerque; and Toronto. Mike was a lifetime member of St. Benedict-St Elizabeth Parish of the Roman Catholic Church. He sang in the church choir and was a Fourth Degree Knight in the Parish's St. Joan of Arc Council of the Knights of Columbus. He regularly assisted in vegetable and flower sales fundraisers, collections of foods for the poor, funnel cake sales at the Strawberry Festival, and roast beef sandwich sales at Summerfest.

Mike retained his interest in performance arts throughout his life. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of movies and television shows, and often won movie tickets in radio station movie trivia contests. He often attended performances at Salisbury University and interacted with period actors at the Renaissance Festival.

Mike is survived by a sister, Mary Ann Palmer (Walt) of Denton; an uncle, Arthur Porter, of Denton; an aunt, Leona Porter, of Denton; seven cousins; and three step-cousins. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his uncle Richard Porter, his aunt Alberta Porter Weer Gelletly, his aunt Eleanor Richards, his Uncle Charles Richards, his aunt Ruth Porter, his uncle Alton R. "Dutch" Brubaker, his aunt Ruby Brubaker, and his cousin Dale Brubaker.

Memorial Mass will be 11:00 A.M., Saturday, December 20, at St. Benedict Roman Catholic Church in Ridgely. A visitation for Mike will be Friday, December 19, from 5:00 to 7:00 at Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home, Greensboro, Maryland. Burial will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Benedict-St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church, P.O. Box 459, Ridgely, Maryland 21660.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 5:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home
106 W Sunset Ave
Greensboro, MD 21639
(410) 482-8914

Memorial Mass

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM.

St. Benedict Roman Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

MG

“ Dear Mary Ann and Walt...what a dear sweet caring man Mike was! We had been good friends since first grade, and even when we hadn't seen each other for a while, we just picked up where we left off. He began attending our JOY seniors group several years ago, and what a blessing he was to all in attendance! His faith, knowledge of Bible, beautiful singing, and wonderful stories impacted all. But most of all was his kindness, humor, and sweet spirit that made the room light up. I miss him already but am grateful to the Lord to have known this gentle previous man for most of my life. God bless you. You are onu prayers.

Mary Lou Gleockler - January 05 at 06:27 AM

DB

“ I WORKED IN THE SALISBURY STATE COLLEGE 1974-1975
SEASON WITH MIKE
HE WAS PROBABLY MY BEST FRIEND AT THE COLLEGE
HE WAS THE ONLY ONE LEFT THAT I HAVE HAD ANY KIND OF
CONTACT WITH FROM BACK THEN
I ALWAYS TRIED TO SEND HIM A CHRISTMASYYYY BIRTHDAY
CARD
WE ALWAYS HAD THE FUNNY STORY OF HOW SALISBURY'S
LOCAL TELEVISION STATION FILMED OUR 1974 FIRST FALL
PRODUCTION OF DARK OF THE MOON THEN WE ALL TOOK
OVER A DORM'S BASEMENT TELEVISION ROOM TO WATCH IT
AND IT WAS THAT NIGHT THE RICHARD NIXON DECIDED TO
PUBLICALLY RESIGN SO WE ALL GOT PRE EMPTIED
GOD BLESS

SURE MIKE'S DOING SOME KIND OF THEATER WHERE HIS
HEART WAS WHERE HE IS NOW

DONALD EDWARD BOWMAN 🙏

DONALD EDWARD BOWMAN - December 26, 2025 at 11:15 AM

JN

“ Mike Porter was a fellow parishioner and member of our church community.

I had the privilege of singing with Mike in the church choir and will always remember his strong voice and his ability to sing different parts with ease. Singing in choir with him was fun, and even after choir ended, I found myself looking for him each time I walked into church, comforted by his familiar presence.

Mike was deeply committed to his faith and to our parish. His involvement with the Knights of Columbus reflected his dedication to service and fellowship. He gave generously of his time.

Mike will be missed in the choir, in the pews, and throughout our parish. I am grateful for the music we shared and the example of faith he set. May he rest in peace.

Julia Neph - December 17, 2025 at 12:56 PM

LB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Mary Ann and family. Mike was such a kind and gentle soul. May he rest in peace.



Linda M Boyles (NC73 Burr) - December 17, 2025 at 12:09 PM

PS

“ Phil and Gwen Shedaker purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Michael Carlton Porter.



Phil and Gwen Shedaker - December 17, 2025 at 10:36 AM

NM

“ Sending condolences to Mike's family. I've known Mike and his family since I was young, then later worked with him at The Benedictine School, always a kind man. Sorry for your loss, keeping you all in my prayers.

Nancy Lynch Morris - December 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM

CV

“ Very nice person. My last memory is him singing a Christmas hymn in Latin.



Cathy VanSchaik - December 16, 2025 at 06:50 PM

AF

“ Our sincere condolences go out to the family. He was at Mass on Saturday night and the Lord took him home the next day. Hard to believe. Mike had a great sense of humor and a great smile. You never left an encounter with him without feeling better!

Anne Fountain - December 16, 2025 at 05:08 PM

NM

I met Mike when we worked together at The Benedictine School. He was such a kind and gentle soul with a good sense of humor. May he rest in peace and his loving family comforted by happy memories.
Nancy McCloy

Nancy McCloy - December 19, 2025 at 01:42 PM

DT

“ *Mary Ann, Walt and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Mike’s passing. What
a nice guy who was always kind and helpful
to everyone he met. May he Rest in Peace.*



Dan Towers - December 16, 2025 at 02:16 PM

BC

“ *Barb Callahan lit a candle in memory of
Michael Carlton Porter*



Barb Callahan - December 16, 2025 at 02:08 PM