



Michael Anthony Porter

August 13, 2021

“Say What You Mean, Mean What You Say” Michael A. Porter

Michael A. Porter, 61, of Lancaster, PA passed away on Friday, August 13, 2021. Born in Brooklyn, NY, he was the son of the late Donald and Ethel Porter.

Michael was the “Don” of the party, the “King” of hosting Fourth of July events, backyard barbecues, and holiday gatherings. He loved his cigars and was a free-spirited heart in making sure all around him had a great time and felt at home.

Michael worked at Costco for 21 years. It was his home away from home. There he made a lot of friends consisting of co-workers and customers. He greeted the customers with a huge smile and small meaningful conversations. The children, some called him Mr. Mike, loved when he made cartoon pictures on the receipts or was thrilled to get their hands stamped. Michael always challenged his friends and co-workers in conversation about sports, politics and/or life. Some of these conversations were usually escalated. If he was wrong or right...at the end of the conversation or debate you would leave shaking your head because HE BELIEVED HE WAS ALWAYS RIGHT!!!

He is survived by his spouse, Judy Rowe of Lancaster, PA; his three

daughters, Ebony N. Dukes (Christopher) of Lancaster, PA, Kimberly Brown of Far Rockaway, NY, and Rhonda Hernandez (Ricardo) of Lancaster, PA; his son, Terrell J. Rowe of Lancaster, PA and more of a son than nephew, Fredrick Porter aka "Frenchie" of Lancaster, PA, grandsons, Richardo Hernandez, RaShawn Hernandez, William Sharp, Terrell J Rowe, Jr., and Christopher L. Dukes. Granddaughters, Shanice M. Hernandez, Kayla L. Miller, Asante Swain and Ciana L. Dukes aka "Cici", great-grandchildren, Bryson M. Hernandez and Brooke Swain. Also surviving his brother, Donald Porter aka "Jackie" of Poughkeepsie, NY, his sisters, Stephanie Brown of Queens, NY, Rachel Hickenbottom of Wilks Barre, PA, Shelia Porter of Queens, NY, Doreen Wiggins of Lancaster, PA, Arlene Porter of Poughkeepsie, NY, and Nicole Denis of Charlotte, NC. A host of nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, and special acknowledgement of "THE POSSE".

Michael was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Shawn Denis and son-in-law, Kelvin L. Brown.

A Celebration of Michael's life will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 701 N. Lime Street, Lancaster, PA 17602 at 11:00 a.m. The visitation hour will begin at 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
701 N. Lime Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

Celebration of Life

AUG 19. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
701 N. Lime Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Anthony Porter*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *i'm sorry for your lose i too knew Mike as the last costco employee to see when leaving and have missed him this past year he was always smiling and friendly*

michelle - August 21, 2021 at 08:59 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. We knew him from Costco and he was always so sweet and had a big smile! My daughter loved that he always gave her 2 stamps. He will be missed!*

Laura - August 19, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ *I wanted to say this at your service my friend:
“As you sit in heaven and watch us all from afar. I Know can you check your grand children first to make sure they are on the ball. I know you love listening to music and hanging out with the fellows. Now You're on your next journey, and soon we will follow. There are times you drove me nuts, and times you made me feel so important. I Wish I made the time not to take your time for granite. As i'll look around the room and see how much you are loved. Please Watch over all of us Mike from heaven up above! You will always be loved and caring in my heart. I am truly grateful for our friendship.*

chubby1@sprint.blackberry.net - August 19, 2021 at 04:08 PM

MC

“ *Michael, thank you for always showing me your kindness and love. Your memory will forever be remembered in the chapters of my life with our Far Rockaway moments. You will be missed. Always*
Michelle Coleman-Bradford

Michelle Coleman - August 19, 2021 at 11:27 AM

FF

“ *From Louie Kosmela and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Anthony Porter.*



From Louie Kosmela and family - August 17, 2021 at 10:01 PM

YF

“ *Your Lanco Federal Credit Union Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Anthony Porter.*



Your Lanco Federal Credit Union Family - August 17, 2021 at 02:34 PM

DE

“ *My deepest sympathy to Mike's family and friends. He was such a kind man and my grandchildren loved seeing him at the door of Costco. He will be remembered fondly and certainly missed!*
Donna Edwards and family

Donna Edwards - August 16, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Anthony Porter.*



August 16, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ *He was always so nice and would draw a kitty on the receipt for my granddaughter. He will live on in our hearts! So sorry for your loss.*

Bev Johnson - August 16, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Anthony Porter.*



August 16, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Mike will be missed deeply. May you rest in peace. Here's to you Mr. Porter from Miss Porter. Dawn Eanone AKA Mrs Porter*

Dawn Eanone - August 16, 2021 at 08:04 AM

SM

“ We are so deeply saddened to hear of Mike’s passing. It was always a pleasure to see him at Costco. My daughter loved to see “Mr Mike” and was always thrilled to get one of his stamps on her hand. He was such a kind soul. We will miss him greatly and keep his family and friends in our thoughts.

Sharon Margiotta - August 16, 2021 at 07:38 AM



“ Always a pleasant, smiling face at Costco! I will miss my interactions with him! Keeping his family and friends in my thoughts and prayers.

Danielle Seibert - August 15, 2021 at 11:15 PM

KS

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Mike’s passing. He was always such a joy to see at Costco! He always had a big smile & a warm & happy greeting. I got to know him a little bit when he’d come to my place of employment. He will be missed! My condolences to his loved ones.

Kristi Stoltzfus - August 15, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Anthony Porter.



August 15, 2021 at 08:29 PM

SB

“ Stephanie and Jayden (Porter) Brown purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Anthony Porter.



Stephanie and Jayden (Porter) Brown - August 15, 2021 at 08:07 PM

DE

“ Dee lit a candle in memory of Michael Anthony Porter



Dee - August 15, 2021 at 07:36 PM

DE

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. We knew Mike from our visits to Costco always great to see him He was always pleasant to talk with.

Dee - August 15, 2021 at 07:35 PM

DM

“ I only knew Mike at COSTCO store. He worked there and I was a customer. Seeing his obituary in the Sunday paper made my heart sink. He left a lasting impression on me through his positive attitude and happy nature. I wish I could have had him as a friend. My condolences to his family, he will be missed.
Dan Marshall

Dan Marshall - August 15, 2021 at 04:30 PM

BS

“ This Gentleman was such a joy to encounter everytime we went to Costco! I would come out with a roast chicken and a ceaser salad and I would say, "I just made dinner!" He would respond with laughter and say, " You know that's right Mame!" Such a friendly and congenial employee. I will think of him everytime I walk into Costco for the rest of my days. Much sympathy to his family and loved ones!



Bonnie Salm - August 15, 2021 at 02:56 PM

JK

“ Whenever we went to Costco's we always wanted Mike to be at the door. He always took the time to talk to us and ALWAYS gave our granddaughter a "stamp" on her hand as we left. We will miss his humor, but most of all his kindness. Prayers to his family!

Paul and Julia Kirchner

Julia Kirchner - August 15, 2021 at 11:53 AM

BH

“ Meeting Mike "OG" has been such an addition to my life.listening to his stories growing up in NY,his epic parties, family get together and the nights at the playground. Thank you brother Mike for allowing me to share your life with you and the fellas. Continued blessings and prayers to your families and loved ones.

Barry Hawkins - August 15, 2021 at 09:36 AM

PP

“ My condolences to the whole family. May God give you the strength to move forward in life. May he Rest In Peace. Love Peggy Proeve

peggy proeve - August 14, 2021 at 09:47 PM

DD

Mike was a great guy always friendly and kind. He will be missed by everyone as Costco front door! Are thoughts and prayers go out to his whole family and friends! Doug D

Douglas Dimitris - August 15, 2021 at 09:00 AM

SB

“*My heart is breaking, baby brother. I was 12 years old when you were born and you were the cutest little thing with beautiful hair that grew into long braids. I remember when Momma cut them, I started to cry. Rest in Peace, sweetheart, till we meet again. My life is forever changed without you. Your "Big" Sister, Stephanie!*

Stephanie Brown - August 14, 2021 at 07:28 PM