



## Billy Porter

October 16, 1932 - July 9, 2018

Porter, Billy Joe

1932 - 2018

Billy Joe “BJ” Porter, age 85 of Worthington, died Monday July 9, 2018. Billy Joe was born on October 16, 1932 in Commerce, Texas, to the late Joe Olin and Jessie Estelle (Spangler) Porter. He is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-two years Cordelia (Gillis) Porter, sons Pat (Theresa) Porter, Chris Porter and, grandson Justin Porter; sister Marianna Lacy and nieces Angie (Dave) Lewis and Cindy (Les) Conley, and numerous friends. Billy Joe served in the USAF during the Korean War, stationed in Puerto Rico at Ramey AFB assigned to the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Group, 38th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron and led the 522nd Air Force Band as drum major. Prior to discharge, he was stationed in Ohio at Lockbourne AFB assigned to the 801st Reconnaissance Technical Squadron. Billy Joe graduated from East Texas State College (now Texas A&M – Commerce) where he received his degree in organic chemistry and was a member of Pi Kappa Nu. After graduation, BJ began his career as a research scientist in food technology. Starting at Pet Milk Company in Greenville, Illinois, he pioneered development of protein-based liquid meals creating Very Vanilla, Very Chocolate and Very Strawberry flavorings for Sego brand diet drinks. At Monsanto Company in St. Louis, Missouri he co-developed Space Food Sticks, a nutritionally balanced forerunner of energy bars; a derivative of which was deployed on Skylab 3 and PUMA, a soy isolate protein rich drink marketed in Guyana. Culminating his 40-year career as a food technologist at Worthington Foods, Inc. in Worthington Ohio, he was instrumental in the development of Better'n Eggs, a high protein, cholesterol free, fat free food made from real eggs and contributed to the development of the Morningstar Farms line of vegetarian foods and meat alternatives. BJ taught youth Sunday School, was a member of Toastmasters and loved to golf and fish. Friends may call on Saturday July 21, 2018 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High

St in Worthington where a Celebration of BJ's Life will be held at 3:00 pm led by Sean Warren as Celebrant. Condolences to [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

JUL 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
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## Celebration of Life

JUL 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy Porter*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - July 19, 2018 at 01:56 PM



“ *Billy Porter*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Porter.*



July 18, 2018 at 10:15 PM



“ *We've had the pleasure of living across the street from BJ and Dee for the last 13 years. BJ always had a welcoming smile and jellybeans for our daughter. We will miss you dearly BJ ❤️. Sending you lots of love Dee!*



Jill Parak - July 18, 2018 at 09:39 PM

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“ God Bless and Thank YOU, BJ for your service in The United States Air Force....  
RIP .... And Semper Fi.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - July 18, 2018 at 12:28 PM

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“ I have so many wonderful memories of BJ. He was my first boss at my first "real" job at Worthington Foods. His love of life, his wonderful smile, his love of golf - so much he played in the winter in the snow with colored golf balls, Always an encouraging word when I got discouraged because I my prototype products had an "unbalanced Spice Blend". What a inspiration to me as I began my journey working in the corporate world.



*Sending positive, loving energy to Dee and family!*

*Nancy Livensparger*

Nancy Livensparger - July 18, 2018 at 02:51 AM

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“ Dee and family of B J Porter  
So sorry to learn of the passing of B J. He was admired for his work at Worthington Foods for many years. With sympathy, Evelyn Wiesner

Evelyn Wiesner - July 17, 2018 at 06:25 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Billy Porter.



July 16, 2018 at 05:36 PM

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“ *The Porter Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Billy Porter.*



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**The Porter Family** - July 16, 2018 at 04:53 PM

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“ *Marianna, Angie, Dave, Cindy and Les purchased the Treasure d Lilies Spray for the family of Billy Porter.*



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**Marianna, Angie, Dave, Cindy and Les** - July 15, 2018 at 06:22 PM