



## Thomas (Tom) Porter

January 19, 1964 - April 30, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Thomas Porter, age 61, who passed away on April 30, 2025, in Middleburg, Florida.

Thomas is lovingly remembered by his parents, his five children, his eighteen grandchildren, and his girlfriend. He was preceded in death by his mother, Karen Merkey.

He is survived by his Dad (James Blair Porter Jr), Step Mom aka Mom (Robin Porter), his 3 brothers (James 'Jim' Porter III, Jason Porter, Jared Porter) and their families, his 5 children (Amber Denmark Reese, Jarrod Denmark, Joshua Porter, Ashley Porter Zarate, Jordan Porter) with their spouses, and his 18 Grandchildren. Along with his Love (Mary Gavin).

Music was the soundtrack of Thomas's life, and his passion for playing the drums resonated deeply within him. The outdoors, especially the beach, brought him immense joy. Thomas radiated happiness and was known for his kind heart and the boundless love he had for his children; his family was his world. A true people person, Thomas possessed a remarkable ability to connect with anyone, striking up conversations with ease. His professional life centered around towing, a vocation he was deeply passionate about, often dreaming of owning his own wrecker service. Cherished memories for some of his children include accompanying him on his tow service calls.

Friends and loved ones are invited to celebrate Thomas's life on Saturday, May 24th, at 2:00 PM at St Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory 385 State Rd 207, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

For those not able to attend you can click the following livestream link:

<https://iframe.dacast.com/live/2a7a09ae1c0559a83ef537e05e6a14a6/2aae7d5f-98fd-a9e6-32a7-b774547cf42c>

# Cemetery Details

## St Johns Crematory

385 State Road 207  
Saint Augustine, FL 32084

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

St Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory  
385 State Road 207  
St. Augustine, FL

# Tribute Wall



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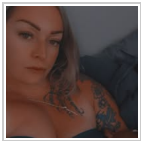


St. Johns Family Funeral Home - May 28, 2025 at 09:37 AM



*Stephanie, thank you very much, great job keeping it all together.*

Jim Porter - May 29, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ I miss you Dad ...



Amber Reese - May 27, 2025 at 09:24 AM

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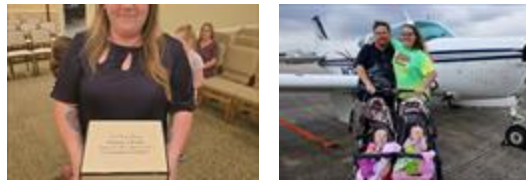
“ Elizabeth Porter lit a candle in memory of Thomas (Tom) Porter



Elizabeth Porter - May 25, 2025 at 01:17 PM

EP

“ To my beloved Uncle. Thank you for everything. Dad and I are going to miss you more than you'll know. The girls (S, J & M) are going to miss you too. Keep an eye over them, you're their guardian angel now. Love, Elizabeth.



Elizabeth Porter - May 24, 2025 at 07:49 PM

CM

“ Tom and I had a blast together I can't count the trips to Disney or Texas roadhouse. We enjoyed watching football together. Tom was a stand up man honest and Loving . I am forever grateful for Josh and Stephanie bring Tom into famous amos my heart breaks for all that knew Tom. R.I.P my friend



Chrisie Miller - May 22, 2025 at 10:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas (Tom) Porter.

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May 21, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas (Tom) Porter.



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May 21, 2025 at 02:33 PM

JP

“ It is hard to grasp and realize that our loved ones have gone. But only God knows our time, and when He will call us home. Tommy was born in Hialeah 19th January 1964 to his mom Karen Leigh Merkey Porter, and I, James Blair Porter, Jr.

I was serving in the US Air Force at Greenham Common Royal Air Force Base, in England. Tom, his brother Bub (Jim), and Karen, my wife joined me to live in England after Tom was born.

When Tom was two years old, we moved back to Hialeah, across the street from Bigdaddy and Momo's house. We had many family gatherings and holidays dinners. Brother Randy and his family, sister Susie and her family, aunt Sarah and her family, all lived close by in Hialeah and spent a lot of family time together at Momo and Bigdaddy's house.

Later, as we moved apart, we would visit frequently for family gatherings.

I suppose that's why Tommy never met a stranger and always wanted to help those who had a need. He was patient sole and would always find the good in people.

In his last days in hospital, we asked Tom the 2 Evangelism Explosion questions: if you died today, do you know you would go to Heaven? Tom said Yes. What would you say when God asked you: Why should I let you into my Heaven? Tom said I tried to be a good person and obey God's commands. We explained no one can be good enough, it's only by you accepting Jesus that you are saved. Just to be sure he was right with Jesus. We felt that Tom did understand what was said and he had made the decision to ask Jesus into his life.

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**Jim Porter** - May 19, 2025 at 12:46 AM

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“ Robin "Mom" Porter lit a candle in memory of Thomas (Tom) Porter



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**Robin "Mom" Porter** - May 16, 2025 at 09:33 PM

SP

“ Thomas Anthony Porter was born January 19th 1964 to James Blair Porter Jr and Karen Leigh Merkey Porter in Hialeah Florida. He went to be with our Lord and Savior on April 30th 2025. At 61 years old.

*He is served by his Dad (James Blair Porter Jr), Step Mom aka Mom (Robin Porter), his Love (Mary Gavin), his 3 brothers (James 'Jim' Porter II, Jason Porter, Jared Porter) and their families, his 5 children (Amber Denmark Reese, Jarrod Denmark, Joshua Porter, Ashley Porter, Jordan Porter) with their spouses, and his 18 Grandkids*

*Please feel free to wear Purple ☐ in celebration of Tom's favorite color.*

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**Stephanie Porter** - May 16, 2025 at 01:40 PM

MG

*Tom was and is and will always be my angel and the love of my life*

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**Mary gavin** - May 16, 2025 at 05:54 PM