



Andrew "Porter" Waskosky

June 9, 1981 - September 5, 2025

Andrew "Porter" Waskosky of Bourbonnais

Age 44 joined his beloved sister on September 5, 2025 at Rush University Hospital Chicago, surrounded by family and in the loving arms of his wife Jeanette after a brief battle with cancer. Porter was born June 9, 1981 at St. Mary's Hospital Kankakee to Thomas and Lisa Latham Waskosky of Bourbonnais.

Porter was a graduate of Bourbonnais grade schools and Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School, and was employed by Ultimate Rides Braidwood as a mechanic. He loved his job and his work family.

Porter was also a dirt track racer at heart, competing several seasons in the Crown Vic class at Kankakee Speedway on Friday nights and racing go-carts at K3 Karting at the Kankakee Fairgrounds on Saturday nights. As team owner of 7X Motorsports he not only raced his own cart but also fielded the 187X driven by his brother-in-law Terry Noel and also the 7X electric cart driven by his daughter Joelle. Porter was a tough competitor and hard worker who spoke his mind and told it like it was but he had a heart of gold and would give you the shirt off his back. Always funny, always in motion Porter kept his family on their toes. Porter was of the Baptist faith.

Porter is survived by his wife Jeanette, daughter Joelle, parents Tom and Lisa Waskosky all of Bourbonnais, maternal grandparents Porter and Brenda Latham of Bradley, maternal aunt Lori Latham of Bradley, cousin Riley Mayer and wife Emily and children Briggs, Eleanor, and Mack of Bourbonnais, and Lia Smeitanski of Chicago, brother in-law John Olson of Bradley, as well as uncles Alan Smeitanski of Bradley and Robert Mayer of Slidell LA, paternal uncles James and Julia Waskosky of Kankakee, Ken and Jody Waskosky of Illinois, and paternal aunt Theresa Reato and cousins Jayme and Neil Harvey of Florida, Kristy Logan, Michelle Seiller, Judie Versetto, and Michael Logan. Sister in law Ruby Noel and daughter Lainie, brother in-laws Terry Noel and son Charlie, brother in-law Nathan Neisewander and son Maxxon, nieces Hailey and Ciara Noel, and father in law Norman Neisewander. He is also survived by uncles and aunts John and Joyce Latham, Richard Latham, Karen Latham, Linda Hodges, and Ruth Domagalla, as well as many Latham cousins and close family friends Pam and Paul Fabbi, Sarah Foley, and Jamie Krause. He is also survived by his beloved dog Junior.

Porter was preceded in death by his beloved sister Jennifer Olson, cousin PFC Zachary Mayer, cousin David Dixon, grandmother Marjorie Waskosky, mother in-law Elaine Hubbard, brother in-law John Noel, maternal great grandparents William and Ruth Latham and LaVerne Lampley, aunts and uncles William Jr and Mary Latham, Thomas Latham, Robert Latham, Pam Latham, Betty McClanahan, and Nancy Arsenau.

Services will be held Friday September 12, 2025 at Jensen Funeral home Kankakee with visitation starting at 2pm and services at 6pm. The Rev. Hal Trovillion officiating.

Memorials may be made to Riverside Credit Union for Porter Waskosky under Donna Davison.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Funeral Service

SEP 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EB

“ It seems like only yesterday that Porter and our grandson, Matt Souligne, were using homemade bicycle ramps and raced in front of our houses on Dennison Drive. Afterwards, I would have them come into the kitchen for a lunch of tacos. That was sheer fun for 10-year olds. Time has passed but nothing can wipe away memories. Porter was a kid at heart and kind-hearted. The last time we met up with him was at a local restaurant a few years back. May he Rest In Peace!

*With Our Sympathy,
Ken and Elaine Bussert
Parrish, FL*

Elaine Bussert - September 13, 2025 at 02:20 PM

ST

“ Porter was a true fighter and an inspiration to everyone who met him at Rush. I'm so thankful for the time I spent getting to know him and his family, especially Lisa and Jeanette. He was surrounded by love, support and comfort in his passing. Your family and Porter's memory are in our thoughts.

- Steph

Steph Trautmann - September 12, 2025 at 07:14 PM

LW

Porter trusted you and Cambry and we are so grateful for everything you did for him. Everyone at Rush was outstanding but it was you two who were his most trusted doctors and he could be himself with you. We will always hold a deep affection for you, you pulled out all the stops to save him and when that wasn't possible you were honest with us and very present with him. Your presence his last morning gave us great comfort. As the future of medicine the profession in in good hands, you both exemplify both the art and science of medicine.

lisa Waskosky - September 17, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew "Porter" Waskosky.*



September 11, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Andrew "Porter" Waskosky.*



September 11, 2025 at 11:56 AM

RR

“ *Jeanette, Joelle, Tom, Lisa & families,
I'm very sorry for the loss of Andrew, sending thoughts and prayers to you.
Rich Rambo*

Rich Rambo - September 11, 2025 at 09:04 AM

KS

“ Kristine Saulsbury purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Andrew "Porter" Waskosky.



Kristine Saulsbury - September 11, 2025 at 06:23 AM

GO

“ Gary and Joyce Overright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew "Porter" Waskosky.

Gary and Joyce Overright - September 10, 2025 at 04:57 PM

FW

“ From Ashley & Jarredd Wilder purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Andrew "Porter" Waskosky.



From Ashley & Jarredd Wilder - September 10, 2025 at 04:09 PM

JW

“ Joyce & Jerry Whitaker purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Andrew "Porter" Waskosky.



Joyce & Jerry Whitaker - September 10, 2025 at 01:47 PM

FF

“ Frederick and Betty Heaton and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Andrew "Porter" Waskosky.



Frederick and Betty Heaton and family - September 10, 2025 at 12:23 PM

MH

“ Marlene Neisewander- Hall lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Porter" Waskosky



Marlene Neisewander- Hall - September 09, 2025 at 07:27 PM

KW

“ Ken and Jodi Waskosky purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Andrew "Porter" Waskosky.



Ken and Jodi Waskosky - September 09, 2025 at 06:50 PM

KW

“ Ken and Jodi Waskosky planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew "Porter" Waskosky.

Ken and Jodi Waskosky - September 09, 2025 at 06:50 PM

LR

“ *Bless the family with peace and comfort. So sorry for your losses.*

Lori Rich - September 09, 2025 at 06:44 PM

JF

“ *JIM AND CARYL FOY lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Porter" Waskosky*



JIM AND CARYL FOY - September 09, 2025 at 05:00 PM