



## Jess J. Porres

December 31, 1938 - February 19, 2022

Jess J. Porres, 83, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022 in Libertyville. He was born Dec. 31, 1938 in New York, NY, attended McBurney HS in Manhattan where he played soccer and was an all-city goalie on the soccer team. He was a graduate of Western Illinois University and earned his Master's degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago. In high school, Jess joined the US Army National Guard Reserves.

He later taught at Diamond Lake School and became principal of the West Oak Building. He then became business manager in District #102 in LaGrange and finished his career at Hawthorn District #73 as an assistant superintendent in 2001. He continued working as a consultant for Libertyville/Vernon Hills district #128. He also coached Little League baseball and GLSA soccer and was active in getting GLSA started. Jess was an avid reader and a huge fan of the New York Yankees, Rangers, Giants, Knicks and was a record keeper of all record keepers.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Linda Porres; 2 children, Meridy and Todd.

A visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. with a memorial service during the visitation beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. An interment service will be held at Lakeside

Cemetery in Libertyville in June 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Cool Ministries, PADS of Lake County or St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mundelein. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

## Memorial Service

MAR 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MR

“ I went to McBurney School in New York with Jesse, and we both graduated in 1957. I remember him as a kind fellow student and a competitive table tennis player. We had quite a number of great matches.

We both wound up in education, and I am delighted to read that he was an outstanding educator and much beloved. A marvelous contribution to society.

I wonder what he would have thought of my career as a Professor, specializing in Mongolian history, certainly not as relevant as his teaching career. He was, in the highest compliment one can give, a good man.

*Morris Rossabi*

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**Morris Rossabi** - May 17 at 04:33 PM

DH

“ My sincere condolences to the Porres family. Mr Porres was such a kind man.

Praying for comfort for your family.

*Debbie (Reitz) Harwell*

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**Debbie Reitz Harwell** - March 08, 2022 at 12:23 AM

RW

“ Linda,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jess was one of the nicest, kindest, thoughtful, caring people that I know. I was blessed to have met him and work with him.

May the memories and the love of friends and family comfort you in this time.

*Rhonda Wojciechowski*

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**Rhonda Wojciechowski** - March 01, 2022 at 09:12 AM

SS

“ My deepest condolences to the Porres family. Jess was one of the first staff that I met when I began teaching at Hawthorn in 1995. He was a warm, caring man who had a calming way about him and cared so deeply about our school district. He always had the best interests of the staff, the students and the district at heart. He made a huge difference in the lives of so many at Hawthorn. My prayers are with his family and all those who loved him.

Susan Simon

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**Susan Simon** - February 26, 2022 at 05:45 PM

JU

“ My sincere condolences to the Porres family. I was blessed to have worked with Jess at Libertyville High School in our Building Utilization Meetings. We had a lot of laughs in those meetings. He was such a kind, warm, and witty man. Jess was a wonderful support to our school and district. I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed deeply. May the love of friends and family comfort you at this difficult time.

Jennifer Uliks

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**Jennifer Uliks** - February 25, 2022 at 11:45 PM

 Lisa  
Lee  
Kmichik

“ Jess always supported me. He supported all of the staff, but he made me feel like he was supporting just me. I'll never forget how his face lit up when I asked after his wife Linda. Jess was a gentle, but major, force who made the Hawthorn School District the great school district it is today. May he rest knowing he made the world a better place by his dedication to the Hawthorn community.

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**Lisa Lee Kmichik** - February 25, 2022 at 11:36 PM

JH

“ I have had the honor of knowing Mr. Porres since I was in the 5th grade. He did so much for District 73 and the growth of all those buildings was Mr. Porres’ pushing and making finances work for the District. If you are my age, Mr. Porres might have even ref’d your GLSA soccer games, of which he made it fun and always fair. When he retired I wrote him a letter thanking him for the years that my mother was his admin, bc he employed me during college summers and allowed my mom to take time off when her kids were sick or needed her. He always called me “young lady” and although he was serious at school, in his heart he was funny, caring and the most kind – “they sure don’t make them like him anymore...” Growing up with him knowing my family was an honor. I pray for his family during this time and know his love will carry on in each of them. Mrs. Porres, the Myers family is always here for you. I hope Mr. Oakson was waiting for you with a cigarette in one hand and a cold beer in another, yelling to hurry up. As his pain he suffered from is no longer, but he will be dearly missed. Jennifer Heavrin (Myers)



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**Jennifer Heavrin** - February 25, 2022 at 09:02 PM

SM

“ To: Linda, Meridy and Todd

*Jess was a very organized and met deadlines. He always kept administrators and staff updated. Jess was always fair and equal with all situations that involved the district finances, and above all did what was best for the students. How do I know this? I worked for him as his secretary for many years. Once we both were retired we would meet with our spouses for breakfast get togethers. Our recent last get together was February 4, 2022 with Jess and Linda. Jess told me, Sib, you are my good friend. I will never forget that moment. You will be missed by many! Our sincerest sympathy.*  
*Sibley Myers & Family*

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**Sibley Myers** - February 25, 2022 at 06:19 PM

DK

“ *Jess was a leader at Hawthorn and a kind person who made us all feel welcome. He will be missed.*

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**David Kleinschmidt** - February 25, 2022 at 06:10 PM

RV

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. I knew Jess from the Libertyville H.S. I started in 2000 and still here today and had the pleasure of meeting him. We always greeted each other in spanish. Would run into him in the hallways when he was in my building for all those construction meetings. Was always friendly. We had some good short conversations. Praying for peace and comfort for the family.*

*Que descances in paz Jess.*

*Ruth from B/G Dept*

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**Ruth vasquez** - February 25, 2022 at 02:58 PM

MM

“ I worked with Mr. Porres during summers and when home from college. He was my sponsor for a Co-op program I took in college. He was a great man and I remember him always eating yogurt everyday. To the family, I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Michele Myers-Farm** - February 25, 2022 at 02:58 PM

CS

“ I first met Jess in 2012 when I starting working at LHS as the buildings and grounds director, so we worked very closely and had weekly meetings for 3 years until he re-retired. To say was a great man is an understatement, he was a leader, mentor, friend, he was kind and so many other wonderful things I'm having a hard time typing this. God bless you Jess, until we meet again my friend.

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**Chris Stancil** - February 25, 2022 at 02:43 PM

WS

“ Jess and I go way back to when he was at Diamond Lake and I was at Hawthorn. We coached against each other and came to respect each other very much. When Jess started as assistant superintendent and business manager at Hawthorn all I could think of was, what a wonderful addition to the Hawthorn family. Professional, personal, humorous and being kid oriented were just some of Jess's attributes. What a difference he made in the lives of adults and kids that he worked beside throughout his career.

*Rest in peace my friend and colleague and may the Porres family accept my profound thoughts and condolences at this time. Jess, indeed, was one of the good ones and I will miss him.*

*my fondest regards,*

*Wally Sitz*

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**Wally Sitz** - February 25, 2022 at 01:43 PM

BK

“ Jess was a great person... I really enjoyed working and learning with Jess at District 128. He was a kind person and cared for everyone. My thoughts and prayers with the Porres family.

Briant Kelly - February 25, 2022 at 01:38 PM

DH

“ I remember Jesse fondly from my Hawthorn days. He was extremely dedicated to the Hawthorn family and community. He seemed to always have a smile on his face and was a calming presence. Many people admired his knowledge and guidance. My condolences to the Porres family.

D. Haszel - February 25, 2022 at 11:49 AM

SB

Jess was genuine, honest, kind, and had a smile that traveled with him. I remember passing him many times in the Hawthorn hallways and once at the Seven Eleven early one morning before school started. We both did double takes and exchanged a few words, both smiling, as we quickly shuffled to the cashier.

He beat me out the door! Jess was a “get it done right” person who inspired others by example and that was a wonderful gift for all of us at Hawthorn. He was special!

My sincere condolences to all his family.

Sueann Best

Sueann Best - February 26, 2022 at 08:54 PM

GZ

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Gary Zabilka - February 25, 2022 at 10:50 AM