



## Maria "Mary" Porrata-Doria

October 6, 1950 - March 24, 2024

Maria C. "Mary" Porrata-Doria, 73 of Bluffton, passed away on Sunday afternoon, March 24, 2024, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on October 6, 1950, in San Juan, Puerto Rico to Dr. Ramon J. & Antonia "Toni" (Segura) Villamil. After graduating from Bayamon High School in 1967, Mary obtained her B.S. Degree in Business from San Juan College in 1971.

On March 2, 1973, Mary and Adolfo A. Porrata-Doria were married in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Mary owned and operated Cross Stitch Corner in Bluffton for 6 years. She also managed The Bear Creek County Store here in Bluffton for 3 years. Mary's true love was quilting and had a gift of sharing her talents with others. She opened and operated Quilts n Gifts of Bluffton for the last 18 years, where she has stitched together many friendships with quilters from all over the county, and produced a beautiful legacy that will always be alive and continued on through her store and the quilting community. As Mary would always say, "Love is something that never ends!" She was a faithful parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Adolfo A. Porrata-Doria of Bluffton, a son, Adolfo R. Porrata (Julie Phend) of Bluffton and a daughter, Isabel (Aaron) Santner of Bloomington. She was a loving grandma to her 4 grandchildren: Hannah Porrata of Indianapolis, Alexander Porrata of Fort Wayne, Ava Santner and Madelyn Santner, both of Bloomington. She is also

survived by her brother, Jose' Enrique (Maria) Villamil of Puerto Rico. She is preceded in death by her beloved parents, Dr. Ramon J. & Antonia "Toni" Villamil.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 A.M. on Wednesday, (March 27, 2024) at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton with Father David Violi celebrating Mass. Visitation will be held from 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday until the time of mass, at the church.

The family would prefer memorial be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or to Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana, instead of sending flowers and gifts.

Mary's arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share memories and condolences with the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1300 North Main Street  
Bluffton  
Bluffton, IN 46714

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear this. It's been many years since I saw Mary, or any of the family. She was always so happy and friendly when I saw her at The Bowling Center. Nice lady!!

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**Steve Kunkel** - March 26, 2024 at 08:10 AM

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“ Mary and her husband were 2 of my favorite customers. Such nice people. Always had a smile on her face. She would talk about her quilting groups and her store. Always loved visiting with Mary ♡

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**Lisa boxell** - March 25, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ Mary was a wonderful woman. As a child she was my next door neighbor at 2 different houses. She always went above and beyond to help out. As a child she taught me how to crochet. She made me the most beautiful t-shirt quilt for my high-school graduation. She was always the first person that came to mind whenever I needed advice or help with anything sewing or embroidery related. May her precious soul rest in peace.

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**Connor Whitesell** - March 25, 2024 at 10:54 AM