



# John Joseph Cortino

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**M**ercedes – John Joseph Cortino, 43, passed away at his home on Thursday, November 27, 2025. He was born on April 18, 1982, in Weslaco, Texas, to Joseph and Maria (Garza) Cortino. John grew up surrounded by family—his sister, Patricia; his brother, Michael; his cousins, Paul and Joanna; and his long-time friends, Tom Martinez and Rene Vasquez. He attended school in Weslaco before graduating from the Science Academy of South Texas in Mercedes.

John was an avid coin collector whose curiosity became a lifelong passion. He studied his hobby with dedication and came to know everything he could about currency, finance, and the stories behind each piece. He could talk for hours about the coins, bills, and foreign currency he collected, and he was forever scanning incoming cash for rare defects, unique serial numbers, or anything he had recently researched.

John also loved to travel. He enjoyed countless road trips with his sister and cousin, Paul, to Las Vegas and Florida. He loved Disney World and Universal Studios, and he especially cherished visiting California—touring the Warner Brothers Studios and walking the streets of Burbank. In Las Vegas, his favorite place to stay was The Luxor.

A fan of all things Hollywood, John loved movies and television—especially the show Friends. He enjoyed live music and concerts, and he was always fascinated by how things worked. Whether tinkering with gadgets or fixing small appliances, he loved solving problems. He also enjoyed gardening, particularly planting aloe vera and sweet basil, and he was excited to begin a flower garden of his own.

John worked at the family's restaurant, Cortino's, where he made soups and bread daily—first alongside his parents, and later on his own. He also waited tables, known for entertaining guests with his upbeat personality and easy conversation.

John believed in the Lord and attended Light House Church, where his mother was a longtime member.



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John was always fun to be around. He had a gift for lightening the mood with his outrageous sense of humor and endless supply of jokes, and he was quick to laugh when they were returned. Outgoing, talkative, and naturally curious, John had a way of making everyone feel seen. His big heart and genuine interest in others made him a loyal friend to many.

John is survived by his parents, Joseph and Maria Cortino; his sister, Patricia Cortino; and his brother, Michael Cortino (Brianna).

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 7, from 1–9 p.m. at McCaleb Funeral Home, with the Cortino family present from 3–6 p.m. A celebration of his life will take place on Monday, December 8, at 1 p.m., also at McCaleb Funeral Home. John will be laid to rest at Highland Memorial Park.



# Events

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## Public Visitation

**Sunday**, December 7, 2025

1:00 PM - 9:00 PM CT

**McCaleb Funeral Home**  
900 West 4th Street, Weslaco TX 78596

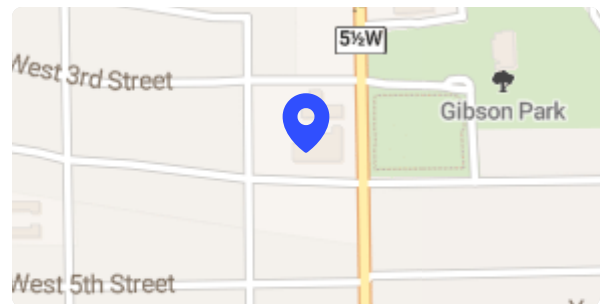


## Memorial Service

**Monday**, December 8, 2025

1:00 PM CT

**McCaleb Funeral Home**  
900 West 4th Street, Weslaco TX 78596

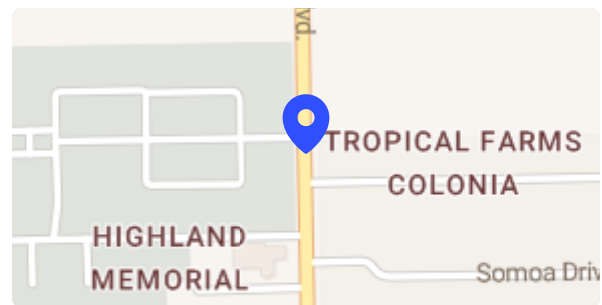


## Burial

**Monday**, December 8, 2025

2:00 PM CT

**Highland Memorial Park**  
6705 Farm to Market 88, Weslaco TX 78596





# Tribute Wall

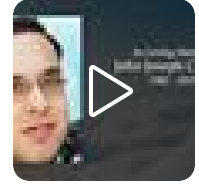
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**Mccaleb Funeral Home & Sacred Park Cemetery** shared a **Video**.

December 7 at 1:28 PM



**Jonathan S.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

December 7 at 2:47 PM



**Michael Gunter** posted:

Ever since we started going to Cortino's restaurant, and that was 17 years ago, it was always a "happening" as we enjoyed the good food and entertainment by the entire family. We loved John's enthusiasm, and even his bad jokes. We will miss him. Such a fine young man. RIP. Mike and Sandy Gunter

December 6 at 10:26 PM



**Psalms 69** sent a Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White to the Cortino family.

December 6 at 8:31 AM



**Charles Hammond & Mandy Kious** sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the Cortino family.

December 5 at 11:12 PM



**Bill B.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

December 5 at 5:49 PM





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**Anonymous** sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Cortino family.

December 5 at 5:02 PM



**Mario L.** sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White to the Cortino family.

December 4 at 11:08 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Floor Plant for Sympathy to the Cortino family.

December 3 at 11:51 AM



**Steve And Elsa, Wilson And Family.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.

December 3 at 11:51 AM



**Iliana Rodriguez** sent a Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White to the Cortino family.

December 3 at 12:40 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Cortino family.

December 2 at 4:52 PM





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**Sysco** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John.



December 2 at 4:52 PM



**Mayra Peña** posted:

He was an excellent waiter always happy and with a welcoming smile. Very nice young man. My husband and I have been dining here for the past 25 years. Sending hugs and prayers . Mayra & Pablo PeñaWeslaco TX

December 2 at 12:11 PM



**Valentin Gonzales** posted:

Hanging out with him and Tom Martinez in back of Cortinos restaurant back in 98 or 99 i think and trying chicken parmeseana for the first time, It has been my favorite Italian dish since than because of John Thank you bro. RIP. Valentin Gonzales "pee wee" .

December 2 at 4:54 AM



**Julie Deleon** lit a candle in honor of John.

I'm so sorry for your loss! John was a good student in my 3rd grade class at Airport Elementary. I always enjoyed seeing him at the restaurant whenever I was in town. Prayers for his family and friends. 🙏



December 1 at 11:10 PM



**Ginger Tate** posted:

We enjoyed John waiting n us at our favorite restaurant. He always had a bubbly personality and made us feel welcomed. Sorry for your loss! Hugs and prayers! Larry & Ginger Tate

December 1 at 10:48 PM



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**Kenny Gray** posted:

We knew John for several years as he waited tables at the family's restaurant. John was always happy, funny and a little irritating at times. He will be missed. Kenny "orange cake" and wife Judy Gray.

December 1 at 9:05 PM



## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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