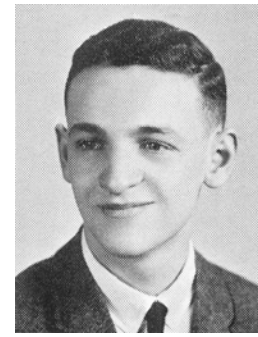


# *Manuel Porth*

## *Science*



RE: The Cass Tech 50th Class Reunion

My name is Manuel Porth, formally Manuel Rapaport. I graduated from Cass Technical High School in the class of 1959. I applied to Wayne State University and was accepted to the 1st Monteith class of 1959. I graduated Wayne University with a bachelor of philosophy degree, attended the University of Illinois studying microbiology and virology for one year, and then elected to apply to medical school. I was fortunate enough to get accepted to Wayne University Medical School in 1964, and after four wonderful years at Wayne University Medical School graduated with M.D. degree. I spent two years at the University of Chicago doing general surgery training and was then drafted in the United States Army having received the Berry deferment for two years before entering active duty with the United States Army. I spent two years as Fort Meyer as a partially trained surgeon in Washington DC, one year at Fort Belvoir in general surgery and three additional years in Walter Reed in Washington DC where I received my training in orthopedic surgery. While still on active duty, I was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia and spent an additional year as a fully trained orthopedic surgeon until I decided to leave the military and go into private practice.

I relocated to Southern Florida and have been in the Fort Lauderdale area since 1977, practicing orthopedic surgery and specializing in total joint replacement.

I have three sons. Two are trained attorneys and one has just completed his orthopedic residency training. My elder son Ari is a member of the House of Representatives to the State of Florida. My middle son Jason has practiced civil rights law and is presently employed with San Francisco State in community relations and developing programs for the University. My younger son has just completed orthopedic residency training in Columbia, Missouri and is heading off to Sacramento to do a one year Fellowship in Orthopaedic Trauma.

My wife, Jackie, is a registered nurse, graduated law school, practiced law for eight years and is working on her PhD in Health Sciences. I am the proud grandfather of a 4-year-old grandson who lives in California and I am sorry to say I do not get to see him as often as I wish I could.

Having graduated from Medical School in 1968, I continued to enjoy the practice of medicine as much today as I did when I first took my oath as a physician in 1968. My high school friends continue to remain very good friends. My graduating class included Ralph Rubenstein, Michael Goldman, and Ron Brenz. Over the past 50 years all 4 of us have remained close and have actively fostered a caring long relationship. We all are excited to see you at our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion.

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