



## Mr. Helio D. Mendes

August 8, 1960 - August 23, 2020

Mr. Helio D. Mendes, 60, currently of Talladega, passed away on August 23, 2020.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 11:00 am in the Toby Miller Chapel at Miller Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on the same day from 10:00 am until the time of the service.

He is survived by his wife, Regenia Mendes; daughter, Stephanie Johnson (Toriano); daughter, Samantha Green (Jeremy); grandchildren, Toriano Johnson Jr., Tyler Johnson, Carrington Green and Abigail Green; siblings, Ruben Lima, Valquiria Nadeau, Arcelina Wheeler; best friend, Matt Phillips, and a host of extended family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Ana Mendes; siblings, Lidia Humpert, Elmano Mendes, and an infant sister.

Helio was born on August 8, 1960 in Praia Da Vitoria, Azores, Portugal. He was raised in the Catholic faith. He came to the United States on October 30, 1974 at the age of 14. He made his original home in Ohio before moving to California then Florida. In 1994, he made Talladega, Alabama with his wife and family.

Helio was a jack of all trades. He knew how to fix anything that was broken. He loved to tinker and working in his garage with his tools. He enjoyed watching NASCAR, fishing, and cars, especially his 1966 Ford Ranchero, and Alabama Football. He enjoyed going to drag races with his brother in law, where he was one of his pit crew.

Helio was loved by everyone and never met a stranger. He did not judge anyone and had an extremely strong moral compass. He had an amazing work ethic and considered his coworkers family.

Helio was a loving and caring husband, father, Paw Paw, and friend and will be sorely missed.

Roll Tide Roll!!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home  
50 Hamric Drive East  
Oxford, AL 36203  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Tonya Meador lit a candle in memory of Mr. Helio D. Mendes*



**Tonya Meador** - August 28, 2020 at 08:16 AM

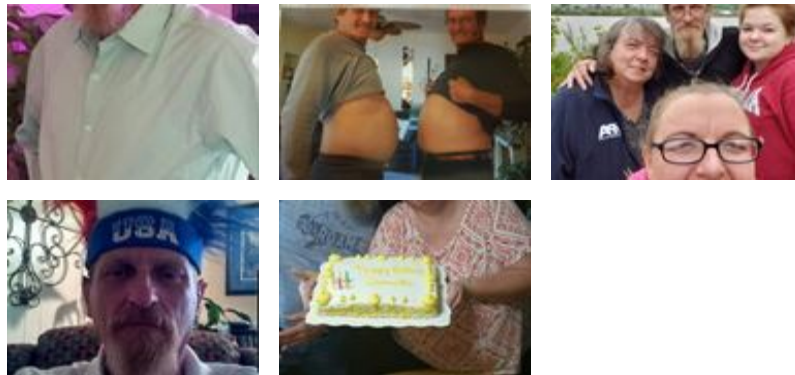


*Our thoughts and prayers are with Regina and all family members. May the Lord be with each and everyone of you and guide you through this difficult time in your lives! We love each and everyone of you!*

**Tonya Meador** - August 28, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ *76 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Miller Funeral Home** - August 27, 2020 at 01:23 PM



Lindsey  
Thornton

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Regina and the children/grandchildren at this time. Helio was such a kind, loving person and we will miss him. He was as close as a brother to our son, Matt, and He and Regina have always been welcome as family in our home. May God give comfort and peace to all family. Mike & Brenda Thornton*

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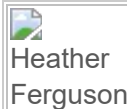
**Lindsey Thornton** - August 26, 2020 at 12:40 AM

SB

*I am so sorry to hear this! We are praying for you Regenia and Samantha (and family) during this most difficult time in your life. May God wrap his arm around you and give you peace and comfort beyond all understanding as only he can do. 🙏*

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**Scott and Joy Beede** - August 26, 2020 at 01:50 AM



Heather  
Ferguson

“ *Uncle Helio, You have been there for me when i was not only at my worst, but when i was at my best as well.... you never rubbed my past in my face, nor did you hold it over my head. one of the only reasons i am even alive today is because i hear you even when your not with me. the lessons you taught me as a child have grown with me... you truly are the best uncle i could have ever asked for!!!! i will always love you, and my babies will always know that Uncle Helio was the best!!!!!! I love you!!!!*



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**Heather Ferguson** - August 25, 2020 at 10:14 PM

SH

“ So Sorry Regina.... Thinking about you.

*Sheila*

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**Sheila** - August 25, 2020 at 12:52 PM

RW

“ To my favorite Uncle I will dearly miss you. You are Forever in my Heart i will never forget you I will miss our fun times together any where we went together wed always have a blast. I will forever miss your sarcasticness your personality and I always remember when you would ask me if i wanted to go some wherw with you i would say

*Vroom Vroom Uncle!!!*

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**Robert Wheeler** - August 25, 2020 at 12:21 PM

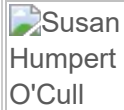
AW

“ Rest in piece my dearest brother Helio de Melo Lima Mendes. I am coming to you a little late, but I am coming, I wish you could have waited a while longer dear brother, but I understand. Say hi to Mom. Dad, Baby Valquiria, Elmano, and lastly Lidia, and all our family there. Lastly Helio, I hurt, I'm sad, but i know as time passes, the pain will ease. However I will not forget our talks, your face, and that smile. I love you

*Your sister Arcelina*

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**Arcelina Wheeler** - August 25, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *Rest In Peace Uncle Helio  
You were taken to soon from all of us.  
I love you and I will miss you ❤️.  
It will be the little things that you remember.  
The quiet moments, the smiles, the laughter.  
It will be the memories of the little things that helps to push away the  
pain, and bring the smiles back again.*

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**Susan Humpert O'Cull** - August 25, 2020 at 11:27 AM

VN

*I wish we had a lot more years together, but we can't control our destiny, only God can. You are now reunited with Grandpa, Grandma, Mom, Elmano, Eddie and everyone else you know that crossed over into Heaven. Please sing with them and give lots of love from those of us are still here. Love you ALL!!!🙏🎵🎸🍷💋🙏*

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**Valerie Tamboer... Helio's Niece** - August 25, 2020 at 01:37 PM

JK

“ *Helio was a great co-worker and a great friend. I enjoyed working with him over the years. We always had a good time at meals after work. I enjoyed his company. He will be dearly missed. Our hearts and prayers are with you. Jerry Kelley and family*

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**Jerry Kelley** - August 24, 2020 at 09:51 PM

TM

*Helio you were a true friend and co worker. I enjoyed our time working together and our Crappie fishing trip. We had a great time. RIP my friend!*

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**Tim McIntosh** - August 28, 2020 at 01:18 AM