



## Mr. Mark Joseph Cova

June 25, 1961 - October 2, 2021

Often described as a “treasure”, Mark Joseph Cova was suddenly and unexpectedly called to his Heavenly Home on Saturday, October 2, 2021. He was 60 years old.

Born on June 25, 1961 in Anniston to parents, Antone and Helen Cova, Mark spent his life living and working in our area.

Upon graduation from Anniston High School in 1979, Mark found work at the Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center as a carpenter’s assistant. He developed a passion for his newfound vocation and soon became quite proficient in his work. He learned everything he could about his job and soon began to advance in the ranks to become Director of Plant Operations. Staff at RMC came to depend on Mark for his incredible knowledge of the facility. Always the gentleman, he assisted all in any way possible and always with a willing spirit. “In the 38 years that I have known him, no one ever said anything bad about Mark Cova,” said a prominent RMC physician. “He was highly respected here and across the state and we will miss him greatly.”

Over everything, Mark cherished his family. He loved them ceaselessly and unconditionally and provided for them untiringly. Nothing was more important. “He loved me ‘hard,’” said one of his children recently and continued by saying that he “made an impact on every person with whom he came in contact.”

He was an avid outdoors-man and enjoyed more than anything communing with nature as a hunter, fisherman, hiker, camper, and just being one with the great outdoors.

He was a SERIOUS Alabama football fan and a lover of all sports.

Survivors include his wife, Kelly; children, Katie Cova (Cody Barnes), of Munford, Holly Nichols (DaKota), of Oxford, Zoey Morgan (Aubrey), of Jacksonville, and Myles Chamblee (Meagan), of Boaz; grandchildren include: Addie Bowden, Maeby Chamblee, and Micah Chamblee. He had two brothers, Michael Cova (Lanelle), of Oxford, and Alan Cova (Marcia), of Deatsville. His sisters include Kala Tuner of Heflin, Gina Cova, of Oxford, and Tina Younger (Tom) of Scottsboro. There are numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Mark was a certified Healthcare Engineer and a member of the Alabama Society for Healthcare Engineering. He received the RMC Hero Award.

Family will gather at Miller Funeral Home in Oxford on Wednesday, October 6, where friends will be welcomed at 5:00 p.m. Visitation will conclude at 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Miller Funeral Home on Thursday, October 7, at 2:00.

Pallbearers will be Patrick Donahey, Chad Watts, Phil McWilliams, Josh Garmany, Terry Bonner, and Lue Jackson.

Mark Cova lived his life with love, zeal, and passion and with a fierce determination to do all things well. He accomplished and surpassed that goal many times over and we will miss him forever.



# Cemetery Details

## Forestlawn Memorial Gardens

730 Golden Springs Rd  
Anniston, AL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Miller Funeral Home  
50 Hamric Drive East  
Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 831-4611  
millerfuneralcal@gmail.com

## Service

OCT 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LA

“ I just read this. I am so sorry for your loss. I worked at RMC for 10 years and was always a hard worker and a good man and friend. God bless all. 📖 🙏 🕯️



Linda Austin - October 28, 2021 at 07:11 PM

SC

“ I worked with Mark for over 38 years. He was always there if you needed him. Prayers for the family. Mark will be missed. Sincerely Shelia Cain RN, Newborn Nursery

Shelia Cain - October 13, 2021 at 01:28 PM

SE

“ Sheila Ervin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Joseph Cova



sheila ervin - October 13, 2021 at 11:58 AM

JO

“ Jacqueline Oneal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Joseph Cova



Jacqueline oneal - October 11, 2021 at 09:23 AM

CH

“ Christine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Joseph Cova



Christine - October 09, 2021 at 01:19 AM

KH

“ Kris Herndon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Joseph Cova



Kris Herndon - October 06, 2021 at 01:10 PM

PL

“ Paula Lowery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Joseph Cova



Paula Lowery - October 06, 2021 at 12:48 PM

OM

“ Odessa Macon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Joseph Cova



Odessa Macon - October 06, 2021 at 12:11 PM

CH

“ My heart was broken when I learned of Mark’s passing. Mark and I shared the same position in Healthcare, he at RMC and me at Baptist in Montgomery. Through our many phone calls and visits to each other’s facilities we became good friends over the years.



He was only a phone call away and always there to offer support and advice. God’s speed my friend until we meet again.

Chip Hicks

Director of safety and Security (Retired)

Baptist Health, Montgomery AL

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you”

Philippians 1:3

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Chip Hicks - October 06, 2021 at 11:22 AM

WP

“ I’ve worked with Mark for almost 30 years at RMC. He was the kindest person, always pleasant to work with. He looked out for us here at RMC. He will be missed tremendously.

Sincerely,

Wanda Pitts, RN

RMC Outpatient Chemotherapy Clinic

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Wanda Pitts - October 06, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ 169 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Miller Funeral Home - October 06, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ Shannon Ivey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Joseph Cova



Shannon Ivey - October 06, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ George Shelnutt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Joseph Cova



George Shelnutt - October 06, 2021 at 08:52 AM

TM

“ *Tammie Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Joseph Cova*



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**Tammie Miller** - October 06, 2021 at 08:50 AM

AF

“ *Annie Fox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Joseph Cova*



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**Annie Fox** - October 06, 2021 at 07:26 AM

SS

“ *Sherry Salers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Joseph Cova*



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**sherry salers** - October 06, 2021 at 06:06 AM

DL

“ *Debbie Lewallen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Joseph Cova*



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**Debbie Lewallen** - October 06, 2021 at 02:56 AM

DZ

“ So deeply sorry for the loss of your brother,father,husband and my cousin. I'm keeping you all in my prayers . I'm sorry I can not be there with you at this time. KEN had another medical procedure Wednesday AM. May God hold you all close in his loving arms and give you peace. Love to all,Dollye McKleroy Zezulka ( Dick McKleroy's daughter)

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**Dollye Zezulka** - October 05, 2021 at 09:47 PM

PS

“ Rest In Peace Mr. Mark. My honor in sharing part of my life with you at The RMC. prayers for the love ones and all

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**paulette sharp** - October 05, 2021 at 08:36 PM

DN

“ My wife and I are beyond thankful to Mark for his dedication in raising his family in such a manner that led our son, DaKota, to finding his soulmate in Mark's daughter, Holly. Mark did the most wonderful job in raising her. She is what our son needed to be complete. Lisa and I are forever grateful to Mark for his love for his family, which will continue to show in the lives they all lead. Thank you Mark for what you did, as it blesses us all.

*David and Lisa Nichols*

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**David Nichols** - October 05, 2021 at 04:18 PM

SF

“ *Mark was a wonderful coworker, and one of the kindest people I've ever met. He went above and beyond his call of duty every single day, always had a smile on his face, knew everyone by name and made it a point to say hello, regardless of how busy he was. RMC has suffered a major loss with his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.*

*Shea Frazier*

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**Shea Frazier** - October 05, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Joseph Cova.*



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October 05, 2021 at 03:00 PM

JC

“ Mark was a people person and always looked out for others. I called him often to receive advice related to the projects going at Stringfellow and although he always had a lot going on he helped me as much as possible. The thing I observed most being around him was he noticed others and would reach out to them to help them if they needed it. I ran into him outside work at the Park in Oxford and he was with his granddaughter feeding the fish and they were leaving. I had my granddaughter with me and he gave me what was left of the bread they had so we could have the same experience. Our prayers are with his family and he will be greatly missed!

Jeff Crews

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Jeffrey S Crews - October 05, 2021 at 01:42 PM

GE

“ Mark was a great friend and neighbor with a very kind spirit He will forever be missed.

Greg Estelle

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Greg Estelle - October 05, 2021 at 12:52 PM

JC

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Jeffrey S Crews - October 05, 2021 at 01:30 PM