



Mr. Timoteo Vela

January 24, 1935 - July 1, 2018

Timoteo Vela, 83, of Mulberry, Florida, formerly of Harlingen, Texas, born in Stuart Place, Texas on January 24, 1935, entered into eternal rest on July 1, 2018. He loved his family, and enjoyed classic cars, traveling, and his grandkids. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Adelita B. Vela; children, Alfredo Vela (Wanda), Tim Vela, Jr. (Sharon), Yolanda Guzman, Felix Vela, Diane Cardenas (Raul, Jr.), Patricia Garcia (Felicitos, Jr.), Sam C. Vela (Arecile), Mary J. Smyer (Keith), Veronica Jarnutowski, and godson, Xavier Vela; brothers, Santiago Vela, Mario Vela, Nato Vela, and Lupe Vela; sisters, Ofelia Vela, Evelyn Arnold; half-sisters, Susan and Marie; 30 grandchildren, many loving great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren; and many loving extended family and friends. A funeral service will be held on Friday, July 6 at 7:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 6:00 P.M. Timo and his wife enjoyed tending to their plants at their home together, so the family request plants sent in his memory. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

JUL 6. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Timoteo Vela



Hopewell Funeral Home - July 05, 2018 at 04:45 PM



“ My dearest Daddy.. I miss you deeply. I stay strong by hearing your voice saying, “Be strong”. I hope to keep making you proud of me. I play all the wonderful memories we made throughout my life. As a little girl I remember you putting change under your pillow (our secret place) so I could get ice cream after school from the ice cream truck, you and mother driving me to my first prom in the black car and dropping me off like a limo driver I was so proud), driving you and mother to Georgia to visit Freddy (we did that a lot), our 3 week vacation to Texas (Wow, you talked about that all the time) most off all the ones we made in the past few years, I never wanted to take a moment forgranted. Your laughs, stories, game night, your ideas, crafts and mini trips we’d take, my co-pilot driving through back roads just to see new things.
Thank you for showing me so much love Daddy. I love you! Mary Jane

mary smyer - September 09, 2018 at 11:59 AM

JJ

“ One thing that I learned from Granpa Vela, was the unconditional love he had for his family, he had so many good qualities (humble, caring, loyal, loving). I will never forget that he welcomed me in to his home and his family! God bless you and Rest In Peace Granpa Vela.

José Luis Martínez Jr.

Jose Luis Martinez Jr - July 06, 2018 at 02:46 PM

RO

“ Grandpa taught me what it means to have a passion and work hard. His love for cars and family have passed to many of the family, and I'm honored to include myself in that number. Every time I see an old car I wonder "I bet grandpa had one of those". He was always working, supporting his family, and placing others before himself for as long as I can remember. His virtue, strength, selflessness, and love for his family will always be with me. I love you grandpa. I'll keep my car clean and lookin like a brand new. I'll make you proud grandpa.

-Rick O II

rick orzechowski - July 06, 2018 at 12:28 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Timoteo Vela.



July 06, 2018 at 07:39 AM

YF

“ *Your Green Team Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Mr. Timoteo Vela.*



Your Green Team Family - July 06, 2018 at 05:56 AM

MD

“ *Mary Ducharme lit a candle in memory of Mr. Timoteo Vela*



mary ducharme - July 06, 2018 at 01:06 AM

XA

“ *Grandpa you will be dearly missed by me and my little family. You were my right hand man, my dad and I could turn to you for everything. We have countless memories together pa. Everytime Gia seen you she lit up and would start dancing. Im so glad you got to meet her and I know you were so anxious to meet her. I know you are watching over us now PA and I will make you proud. I love you with all my heart.. fly high.*



Xavier - July 06, 2018 at 12:12 AM

VJ

Our Gia will always have an amazing angel watching over her. 🙏

Veronica Jarnutowski - July 06, 2018 at 09:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Timoteo Vela.*



July 05, 2018 at 11:53 PM



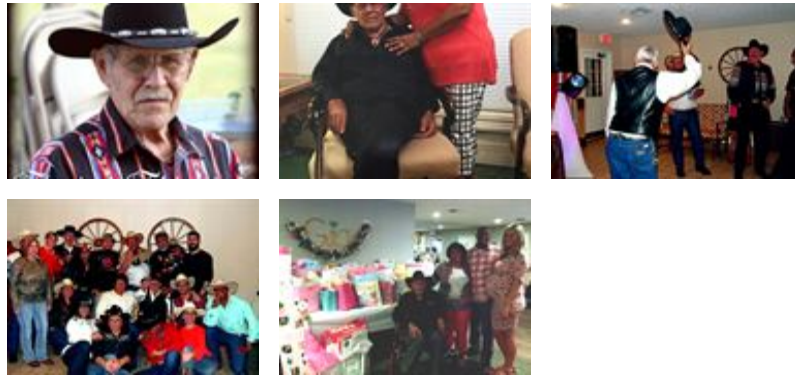
“ *Que descanses en paz!! Mr. Vela will always be known as grandpa to my kids and I. We weren't family by blood but him and Granny accepted us as if we were thank you for that. My condolences to the family especially my friend/sister Verónica Xavier Alyssa and of coarse most of all Granny. Love and miss you all. Jessi Gonzalez*



Jessinia Ortiz-Gonzalez - July 05, 2018 at 06:28 PM



“ *48 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - July 05, 2018 at 03:40 PM

JT

“ *Grampa you will be missed. You were a great grandfather to all of us. Everyone learned a lot from you. Having you as our grandfather was a great blessing . We were all lucky to have you in our lives. I will say this you always brought the whole family together and for that you will be missed greatly . But, we will continue that for you . We love and miss you so much .*



Jeanette Taylor - July 05, 2018 at 01:51 AM

GB

“ *Gladys Druann Brock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Timoteo Vela*



Gladys Druann Brock - July 04, 2018 at 11:53 PM

GB

My deepest condolences to the Vela family. Rest in Peace, Mr. Tim Vela. You and your family are such a blessing to me. I wish all of you comfort, wisdom, and peace.

Gladys Druann Brock - July 05, 2018 at 12:01 AM

DM

“ *Dyra Muniz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Timoteo Vela*



Dyra Muniz - July 04, 2018 at 05:50 PM

IH

“ *Irma Hiers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Timoteo Vela*



Irma Hiers - July 04, 2018 at 05:49 PM

DI

“ *My sincerest condolences go out to the Vela family. Compadre Timo was a good and gentle soul. One of my fathers dearest friends. May God give you all strength to get through this difficult time. He has gone home to rest and I'm sure reunited with my daddy, a long with more loved ones who are no longer here. Our prayers are with you.*



Dora Ibarra - July 04, 2018 at 05:47 PM

Lety
Tomás
Ibarra

“ *My condolences to the Vela family. Rest In Peace my padrino Tim Vela. He will be truly missed. He will now be up there with my father Tomas Ibarra. I know what y'all are going through. We went through the same when we had to lay to rest my father on February 11th 2018. My padrino was such a wonderful man and loved all his family.*



Lety Tomás Ibarra - July 04, 2018 at 05:42 PM

RG

“ To our family in Florida we send our sincere condolences and love on this day of need. So many memories of our uncle esp his love of his vehicles . he will be greatly missed and we are praying for his eternal rest. To our aunt my mothers only sister be strong, WE love you and our cousins dearly . thinking of you 🥺

Raquel Gonzales - July 04, 2018 at 01:58 PM

RE

“ We would like to say thank you for being a great grandpa. We will miss you in the Carolina looking at the birds, trees and the farmers working like you did back in the days. I learned a lot from you and I hope to someday be the grandpa you were. You paved the way for me and now it's my turn to pave the way for the future Velas. We will meet again in heaven so wait for me. Love you ol buddy. Reed, Drew, Hunter and Adrian



Reedreed.vela@yahoo - July 03, 2018 at 08:46 PM

KR

“ Kimberley Reese lit a candle in memory of Mr. Timoteo Vela



Kimberley reese - July 03, 2018 at 07:36 PM

KS

“ I was honored to have Mr. Vela as my Father-In-Law for the past 10 years. And we shared a home with him and my wonderful Mother-In-Law for the past 1-1/2 years. I learned a lot about what makes a great man and wonderful father and husband by watching him with his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. None of us will ever be the man that he was, but we certainly have a model to work from. I will never forget your mischievous grin or our nights playing games at the breakfast table. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being a part of your family. - Smyer -

Keith Smyer - July 03, 2018 at 01:54 PM

YF

“ Your Children's Academy Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Timoteo Vela.



Your Children's Academy Family - July 03, 2018 at 01:32 PM

DE

“ So sorry to hear the passing of Mr. Vela sending prayers to the family.

Debbie (Pollock) Tankersley



Debbie - July 03, 2018 at 01:06 PM

VJ

“ Oh did I love getting pictures of Daddy's little adventures even if it was him going for a ride in his scooter around the neighborhood. Then him telling me how he had mother walking and telling her she needed to walk faster.. lol Sure am going to miss his stories 😘❤️
Love you Daddy



Veronica Jarnutowski - July 03, 2018 at 11:15 AM

MS

This is what I call a power couple!

mary smyer - September 09, 2018 at 12:01 PM

MS

“ During Daddy's retirement years, he enjoyed projects! I'm blessed to have been there during many of those projects and being a part of them as well. I bought a table from a second-hand store, we stripped, painted and stained! He and mother came over every morning for a month to complete our project. That beautiful table is now my breakfast table! Thank you Daddy for being an amazing man. Love you 😘 MJS

Mary Jane Smyer - July 03, 2018 at 09:41 AM

JM

“ Jason Mattair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Timoteo Vela



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