



Phil Wayne Hendrix

April 23, 1948 - September 16, 2024

Phil Wayne Hendrix, age 76, passed away on Monday, September 16, 2024 at his residence in Decatur, Alabama.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Shelton Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Donald Conn officiating. Visitation will be from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM at the chapel. Mr. Hendrix will be laid to rest at Decatur City Cemetery in Decatur, AL following the service.

Mr. Hendrix was born in Decatur, Alabama on April 23, 1948 to Louis Roy and Mary Gordon Curry Hendrix. As a graduate of the University of Alabama Huntsville (UAH) with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, Phil worked for Champion Paper Company for over 30 years. He also owned several businesses in the Precision Maintenance Industry for many years. He was an avid Alabama Football fan. Roll Tide! He found joy in hunting and fishing, along with traveling to Alaska and other places out west. He also enjoyed race cars and antique cars. Phil lived life to the fullest...his two favorite quotes were, "Do it once. Do it right." and "There are 1,440 minutes in a day and we are available every single one of them."

Phil's greatest source of pride was his family; he loved his family and friends. He shared 56 beautiful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Wilda Whisenant Hendrix. Together, they built a home shared with love, laughter and

cherished memories.

Mr. Hendrix was survived by his wife; three daughters, Milla (Mark) Wetzberger, Kam (Eugene) Acupan, and Jana (Chris) Deason; three grandchildren, Lauren Grace Acupan, Philip Deason, and Matthew Hendrix; one brother, Larry (Deborah) Hendrix.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital In Memory of Mr. Phil Hendrix.

Cemetery Details

Decatur City Cemetery

Highway 20
Decatur, AL 35601

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

Decatur City Cemetery
Highway 20
Decatur, AL 35601

Tribute Wall

WC

“ I am in SHOCK to learn of Phil's passing. Absolutely the very best supportive maintenance person in my terms of Paper mill work. Aside, that truthful comment he was a BETTER friend, husband, father, to ALL. I can say, I truly loved him as a BROTHER figure. RIP, Phil. Here's my heartfelt condolences to Wilda & theirs! WOW!

William D. Chavis - February 13, 2025 at 08:17 PM

CL

“ So very sorry to learn of Phil's passing. He was a good friend and hunting buddy to my brother, Adrian, and then a good friend to me as well. He was a good man who will be missed by all who knew him.

Chris Longcrier - December 10, 2024 at 06:42 PM

BP

“ Wilda, Mike Robbin's told me about Phil's passing. I was so sorry to hear that. He was a man I admired so very much. You probably don't remember me but I visited your home more than 25 years ago. Phil and I had a mutual interest in cars and heart problems. He told me many times about the Corvettes and sent pictures of the Cadillac he restored. This world would be better off with more people like your husband. He was a great man. Bob Pyle

Bob Pyle - October 01, 2024 at 03:18 PM

JA

I worked for Phil at Pasadena Mill. He was the finest boss and friend I ever had. My prayers are with you Wilda and your family.

Jo Atkinson - October 21, 2024 at 01:04 AM

TT

“ Terrence,. Maura and Reliabilityweb team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Phil Wayne Hendrix.



Terrence,. Maura and Reliabilityweb team - September 25, 2024 at 04:28 PM

TT

“ Terrence,. Maura and Reliabilityweb team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phil Wayne Hendrix.

Terrence,. Maura and Reliabilityweb team - September 25, 2024 at 04:28 PM

MA

“ From Reliabilityweb : Terrence O'Hanlon. Maura Abad and The Reliabilityweb Team :

Today we take a moment to honor Phil Hendrix and say thank you for all the legacy you left behind to our community. Our thoughts to the Hendrix Precision Maintenance Training team and Phil Hendrix family. Always in our minds and hearts.#wewillalwaysrememberyou



Maura Abad - September 25, 2024 at 04:24 PM

AO

“ Ann and Daniel Oppenheim purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Phil Wayne Hendrix.



Ann and Daniel Oppenheim - September 20, 2024 at 03:33 PM

AR

“ Allied Reliability planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phil Wayne Hendrix.

Allied Reliability - September 20, 2024 at 02:06 PM

AR

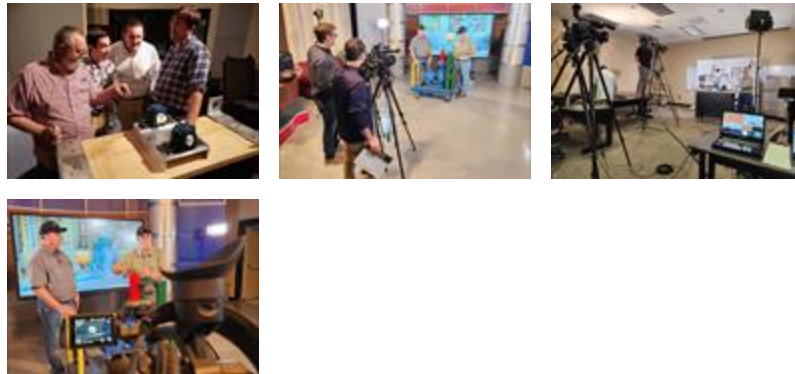
“ Allied Reliability purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Phil Wayne Hendrix.



Allied Reliability - September 20, 2024 at 02:06 PM

WC

“ Phil was one of a kind and he will be sorely missed. The Calhoun Community College Digital Media Department worked with Phil to create videos demonstrating the vast knowledge and expertise in precision maintenance. We extend our sincerest condolences to all who knew him.



Wes Torain-Calhoun Community College - September 20, 2024 at 10:29 AM

AI

“ Alabama Metal Fabricators Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phil Wayne Hendrix.

Alabama Metal Fabricators Inc. - September 20, 2024 at 09:37 AM

AI

“ Alabama Metal Fabricators Inc. purchased the The Endless Sky Spray for the family of Phil Wayne Hendrix.



Alabama Metal Fabricators Inc. - September 20, 2024 at 09:37 AM

WL

“ Although I never had the opportunity to meet Phil in person, I spent hours with him on the phone talking about the equipment needed to set up Precision Maintenance Training in Europe. I have experienced him as a warm, helpful, and very knowledgeable colleague. He was truly the godfather of Precision Maintenance in our industry.

I would like to offer my sincere condolences to Wilda, the family, and the complete Hendrix team for the loss of Phil. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Best, Wouter Luimes

Wouter Luimes - September 20, 2024 at 08:22 AM



“ A mutual friend and business colleague, Albert Stokely, was in town for a day from Texas. He wanted to meet with Phil and I for lunch, and who knew one of us would be gone from this earth just three weeks later. We had a great time talking and parted saying we would meet again whenever we had another opportunity to do so. I am so glad we both were able to meet Albert that day! We all go back many, many years. Phil was such a great person, never failed to give you a pat on the back for a job well done, was always willing to sit down and talk if there was a problem in your area at the mill. We were all a family at Courtland for so many years. He was knowledgeable in so many areas and took the time to explain if we had questions. Wilda, you had a great husband, and Jana, Kam and Milla....what a great dad! From my family to yours, we have been through this and we are here for you with anything that you need. We all thought the world of him. Blessings to the Hendrix family.



Barbara Milligan - September 19, 2024 at 11:52 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Good Friends*



Barbara Milligan - September 19, 2024 at 11:33 PM

KH

“ I met Mr. Phil about 21 years ago as a young planner and customer of his while he was selling Beloit steam joint parts. Little did I know at the time he would be the most influential person I would ever meet. As Phil would say “ A man doesn’t know what a man doesn’t know”. Over the next several years we had many changes at our facility and during that time HPMS was founded. Phil then became a coach and mentor of mine teaching me the basic fundamentals of precision maintenance and management that would lay the groundwork for my career and future success in industry. During the next decade, Phil became a close friend and always just a phone call away to give his opinion of whatever crisis I had going on at the time. Over the past 20 plus years we enjoyed many times together including NASCAR and yes, of course, MANY Alabama national championship games! No one ever needed ESPN or FOX Sports to keep up with Alabama recruiting with Phil being their friend. I must say that Phil was the BEST vendor, coach, mentor, consultant, employer, and sometimes even psychiatrist that ever came into my life! His tremendous passion for teaching and sharing his knowledge will never be forgotten.

I know Phil considered the Nick Saban era of Alabama football to be a dynasty, but Phil’s life has left a LEGACY of knowledge and information that has and WILL continue to change people’s lives!

ROLL TIDE ROLL Phil!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Wilda and the family during this time.

Kevin & Donna Hager Family

Kevin Hager - September 19, 2024 at 11:19 PM

KF

“ Kevin & Donna Hager Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phil Wayne Hendrix.

Kevin & Donna Hager Family - September 19, 2024 at 11:10 PM

KF

“ Kevin & Donna Hager Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Phil Wayne Hendrix.



Kevin & Donna Hager Family - September 19, 2024 at 11:10 PM

CR

“ I worked with Phil over 4 years out of South Carolina. We had some good stories about our experiences that we exchanged when we were talking business on the phone. I consider Phil one of my best Supervisor's. May God Bless the Family and Friends. He treated me well.

Charlie Ray - September 19, 2024 at 05:51 PM

CC

“ Centerpointe Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phil Wayne Hendrix.

Centerpointe Church - September 19, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Phil Wayne Hendrix.*



September 19, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ *Mr. Phil was incredibly talented. I remember being in awe during every visit. Vision, work ethic, talent, love and epic beard. These are words to describe me. Mr. Phil.*

Brett Boley - September 18, 2024 at 08:44 PM



“ *Phil Hendrix was my second cousin. He, his father - Roy, mother - Mary, brother - Larry, and my family had family nights every Friday or Saturday night. We gathered together around the Hendrix dining table and a card table to play cards. We popped corn, had Mary's homemade pies, cakes or candy, and enjoyed the great fun each moment brought. Great memories!*

Moving forward, Phil continued his outstanding life with his beautiful wife - Wilda, and amazing girls - Milla, Kam, and Jana, and their families. Phil always had a fun story with witty humor and comments regarding ALA football and whatever was in the latest news. He was nice to everyone and will be missed by all who knew him.

Phil, you were an amazing man with great southern roots and gentlemen traits. We love you, cousin Phil. You are forever in our hearts and will always be with us.

Ann Oppenheim - September 18, 2024 at 03:15 PM

EA

“ Elizabeth A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phil Wayne Hendrix.

Elizabeth A. - September 18, 2024 at 02:40 PM

TT

“ The NSK Paper Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phil Wayne Hendrix.

The NSK Paper Team - September 18, 2024 at 01:20 PM

TT

“ The NSK Paper Team purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Phil Wayne Hendrix.



The NSK Paper Team - September 18, 2024 at 01:20 PM

CH

“ Charla purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Phil Wayne Hendrix.



Charla - September 18, 2024 at 12:02 PM

DF

“ Don, Cindy Boley and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Phil Wayne Hendrix.



Don, Cindy Boley and family - September 18, 2024 at 11:37 AM

TA

“ I have known Phil since I was just a knee high kid tagging along on hunting trips. He and my dad were great friends and through that I gained a life long friend and someone who filled a great void in my life when dad passed away 20 years ago. Some of my fondest memories involve Phil, over various hunting and fishing adventures and I will always remember him as the definition of a true Southern Gentlemen. He loved life, Alabama Football, family and any occasion to gather with friends and family for Hunting. Phil, I will truly miss you, not to mention your political commentary on Facebook. To the family, I can not even imagine how much you miss him and I offer you my heart felt condolences.

Tim Ames

Tim Ames - September 18, 2024 at 09:49 AM

WH

“ Wanda, Shawn and Tracey Hendrix(Dana) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Phil Wayne Hendrix.



Wanda, Shawn and Tracey Hendrix(Dana) - September 18, 2024 at 08:27 AM

LN

“ Leslie & Pamela NeSmith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phil Wayne Hendrix.

Leslie & Pamela NeSmith - September 18, 2024 at 08:07 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Phil Wayne Hendrix.



September 18, 2024 at 08:07 AM

JW

“ I was so sorry to learn of Phil's passing. Our sincere condolences to Wilda and daughters and Phil's many friends. He was one of the good guys.
May God comfort and strengthen you at this time.
Jan and Jim Webster

James Webster - September 17, 2024 at 09:03 PM

KK

My thoughts & prayers are with you all in this sad time. Mr Phil was a true gentleman with many talents.
Sending lots of hugs & love to you all.
Kathy Morgan Krulac

kathy Morgan Krulac - September 17, 2024 at 11:42 PM

GO

“ To say Phil loved his family would be an understatement. He loved Alabama football and life in general. He was a professional and what I saw enjoyed teaching and working with customers in order to help them understand and maintain their complex machines. He was just a gracious person always smiling and always making sure everyone was included and taken care of. He was a joy to be around, a wealth of knowledge. Phil was a great communicator. Heaven must have needed another engineer and they sure picked a great one. Wilda and family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for sharing Phil all those years. His memory will live on in our hearts. We will miss you and now you can have a bird's eye view of all the Tide's games. Roll Tide!!

Love
Ged and Cathy

Ged Oconnell - September 17, 2024 at 06:05 PM