



Uriel Arenas

September 12, 1950 - September 2, 2025

Uriel "Mel" Arenas, born on September 12, 1950, in Guadalajara, Mexico son of Francisco Arenas and Dolores (Lara) Arenas , passed away peacefully on September 2, 2025, just days shy of celebrating his 75th birthday.

A proud and committed former police officer, Mel dedicated over 20 years to the Milwaukee Police Department. Mel harbored a lifelong passion for music and sports, interests which brought him joy and provided a treasured connection with friends and family.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation rites have been accorded, and no public services will be held. The Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is entrusted with his arrangements and extends an invitation for friends and family to share their condolences and fond memories online by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or through the Funeral Home Facebook page.

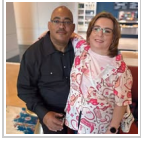
Mel is survived by his loving family who carry forward his legacy and spirit: his sons, Brian Arenas and wife Lisa of Vandalia, and Andy Arenas and Sara Lusch of Odin. He also leaves behind his 2 daughters and 2 sons: Victoria Arenas, Tiffany Arenas, Moses Marrero, and Ian Marrero. His legacy lives on in his beloved grandchildren, Breanna Schwager and Seth, Kenny Schwager and Paige, Reyna Arenas, Eli Arenas, Ezra Arenas, Azaylia, Noah, and

Gabriel, and his great-grandchildren Jayd and Nova.

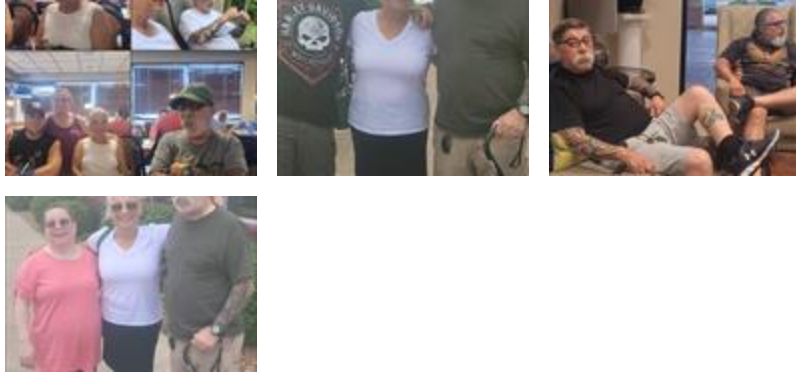
He is fondly remembered by his brother, Frank Arenas and wife Diane, and his sisters, Mary Arenas Cary and Dawn Swanagan and husband James, all of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mel also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, one special nephew: Louis, and cousins, who cherished their times with him.

Preceded in death by his parents, Mel's enduring spirit, kindness, and strength will be deeply missed.

Tribute Wall



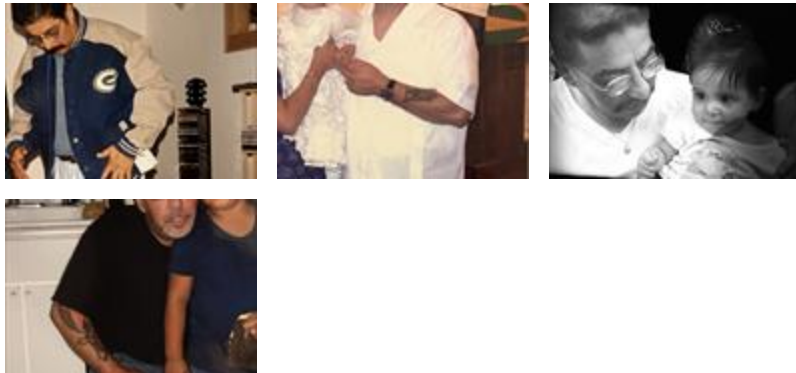
“ He passed away to soon on 9/2/25. All though we found each other 4 years ago, I feel like I've known him much longer. I'm so happy we were able to build a relationship together and have memories I'll forever cherish. Love ❤️ YOU Me!! 😘❤️😘❤️



Dawn Swanagan - September 19, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Lex T - September 15, 2025 at 07:44 PM

LT

“ Growing up without a father figure, I cherished and looked up to my tio. He will always be a role model of mine. From his artistic passion to his genuine work ethic, he will deeply be missed. I wish we would have gotten the chance to spend more time together. Rest well, you are loved and missed, always. Thank you for including me. It meant more than you know. Say hi to great grandma (grandma upstairs aka Ellen), grandma downstairs (aka Karen), gramps (Robert T), Marcia and Bev. You made a difference in everyone’s lives. Your impact shall live on.

Lex T - September 15, 2025 at 07:32 PM

CC

“ Colleen Creighton lit a candle in memory of Uriel Arenas



colleen creighton - September 05, 2025 at 10:35 AM

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“ Mel you always had a smile on your face, followed by a good one liner 🤪 you could lighten up a situation and were very helpful and present in your sister Mary’s life when she needed you most. it’s very sad to see you go 💙 but we shall see you again 🤪 on your motorcycle ✨✨ in another galaxy ☐ gonna miss you Mel 🙏

colleen creighton - September 05, 2025 at 10:34 AM

NT

“ You will be deeply missed. We had a lot of good chats, great memories made during family gatherings. This past Christmas we had an amazing conversation and laughs were made together, those are the moments we will miss the most. You had a smile to light up the room and you had such a big heart and we love you!

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Love Nancy & Gene

Nancy Turluck - September 05, 2025 at 09:55 AM

LM

“ I remember working with my cousin Uriel, at the courthouse. I was so excited to see him and reconnect. I was the paralegal for the DV unit and he was the compassionate officer who can to me for help to represent victims in obtain restraining orders and injunctions in court. God blessed him to have empathy for victims and concern for their lives. Uriel, was a dedicated Police Officer, he was out in the community making a difference, changing views and lives to those he served. I'm proud to call him my cousin. Love you and will always remember how you impacted many lives for the better. Xoxo

Lourdes Lara Mayek - September 05, 2025 at 09:38 AM

BW

“ My deepest sympathy to the family.

Brenda White - September 04, 2025 at 10:24 PM

AL

“ I remember him always happy and with a smile on he's face, taking with my Mother and my sister Edith about our child memories in Mexico with he's parents, i will visit him and sister Mayo , at he's house, he love he's bother and sister a lot, he would talk a lot about he's children and grandchildren how he love them so much, he will miss 💔 te quiero mucho Primo Rest in Peace 🕊

Antonia Chavez Lara - September 04, 2025 at 07:14 PM