



## Mrs. Willie Lee Roberts

July 20, 1916 - September 15, 2015

ROBERTS, Willie Lee Willie Lee Roberts, 99, of Austin, TX, passed away Tuesday, September 15th. Willie was born in Creedmoor, TX on July 20, 1916, a daughter of the late Beulah (Thompson) Overton and Henry Hardin. She was a long standing proud member of Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Cornelius L. Bass.

# Cemetery Details

## Cook-Walden Capital Parks

14501 IH 35  
Pflugerville, TX 78660

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

SEP 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Austin Peel & Son Funeral Home  
607 E Anderson Lane  
Austin, TX 78752

## Celebration Service

SEP 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

E.M. Franklin Chapel@St. James Baptist Church  
1812 E.M. Franklin Ave.  
Austin, TX 78721

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Willie Lee Roberts*

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October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM

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“ One of my many fond memories of Granny, occurred in 1987, during a summer family cookout in her backyard. In our very first game of dominoes against each other, Granny and Cousin Tott (Granny was in her 70's at the time), showed a couple of then under-30 year olds a thing or two about dominoes and won the game soundly. Up until then (I was in my late 20's at that time), I had considered myself a decent dominoes player. In fact during that first game, my team, her grand-daughter Sylvia and I, had started great; however, Granny and Cousin Tott quickly caught up and surpassed our score. With that trademark big smile on her face and humble confidence, they won the game and reinforced that regardless of how you start, it is how you finish that matters. Granny was a great finisher. Some thirty years later, and at another family cookout, I watched in the background as Granny and Cousin Tott, teamed up again to surprise and beat yet another couple of young, unsuspecting players in a game of dominoes. This time however one of the victim's was my son Sidney (her great grand son). I appreciate so much the fact that she often shared so much first hand history, and shared many of the challenges of her time and of an era that has long passed. I still chuckle at the story she shared about growing up in rural Texas in the early 1920's as a farm girl who never learned to milk a cow. Granny was truly a great woman, a matriarch and role model for all who knew her and I am glad to be one of the many that were blessed to have her as a part of my life...may she rest in peace. To the family, with blessings, love and prayers my heartfelt condolences and may fond memories of Granny help you celebrate her life that was well lived and a wonderful legacy that continues through each of you.....with love, and respect, Steven Small

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**Steven Small** - September 25, 2015 at 10:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie Lee Roberts.*



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September 24, 2015 at 03:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie Lee Roberts.*



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September 23, 2015 at 03:46 PM



“ *Our condolences to from our family to yours...Granny was a " Great Inspiration to many. I was one of few that she made me smile. She has the most happiest smile and a kind heart her legacy will last forever.*

*With love and respect*

*Elaine Michall Hardison and The Hardison Family*

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**Elaine Michall Hardison family member** - September 23, 2015 at 12:14 AM

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“ For my Granny Wannya ba Fanny (my usual greeting to Granny),

*After the birth of my first son, Granny drove from North Austin to South Austin every day to take care of me. She said, "You can take care of your baby, but I'll take care of you". There are so many moments she had my back. I could always count on her and she never let me down. Her heart was big and her love was unending. I will forever miss you Granny. Love from your Sylvalla (her nickname for me :o)...Sylvia Small*

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**Sylvia Small** - September 22, 2015 at 08:36 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie Lee Roberts.



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September 19, 2015 at 06:44 PM

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“NO BREAD STORY” October 2002. Ladies night at Houston’s restaurant where grand daughters (Morgan & Taylor) had an opportunity to ask questions from their Grandmother (Willie Marie) and Great Grandmother (Granny – Willie Lee) about what women experienced during their generation. [Aunt Sylvia is with us, but Aunt Tracey was working in Dallas at the time]

Now the food is placed on our table and all of a sudden, Granny has this strange look and says out loud (where the server can hear) and asks... “Where is the bread? What kind of place is this that doesn’t have bread?!” Well our server is a bit nervous at this point and patiently waits while Sylvia and I try to explain how some establishments do not offer bread with their entrées. Well, Granny said she didn’t care what type of place this was, she still did not understand how they simply could not have bread to offer. Who in their right mind would eat somewhere with no bread available? The server speaks with management and the chef prepares and BAKES a special loaf of bread just for Granny. Once the bread came out, the Granny universe was aligned once again and we all proceeded to eat our meal. We laughed so hard and to this day, Granny will still ask when we took her out...”I hope they have bread.” Needless to say, we tipped very well that evening!  
In loving fun memory, Angela Neal-Williams (Grand daughter)



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**Angela Neal-Williams** - September 19, 2015 at 02:07 PM

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*Willie Lee Roberts; Willie Marie Hardison, Sylvia Small, Taylor Williams, Angela Neal-Williams, Morgan Williams; OCTOBER 2002*

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**Angela Neal-Williams** - September 19, 2015 at 02:14 PM

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*Granny touched so many lives from childhood to adulthood. I'm a better Christian because of her. She prayed for me and taught me the right was to live.*

*I'll think of her often until I see her again.*

*Love*

*Margaret Harrold*

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**Margaret H Roberts** - November 02, 2015 at 07:27 AM