



## Willie Joe Showels Sr

September 10, 1938 - August 2, 2020

Willie Joe Showels, Sr., 81, of Austin died Sunday, August 2nd. He was born in Manor, TX on September 10, 1938, a son of the late Pauline Bernice (Nunn) and Paul Ochovis. Willie was the Proud Owner of Willie's BBQ and the widower of Pearl (Habit) Showels.

Due to the Pandemic, The Family Celebration of his Life Service (can be viewed on livestream <https://livestream.com/accounts/7325565/willieshowels>) will be on Monday, August 10th with his son Pastor Cedric Showels officiating. Burial will be in Cook Walden Memorial Hill Cemetery. Public Viewing following CDC Guidelines will be 4PM-6PM on Sunday, August 9th at Macedonia Baptist Church, 1117 Eleanor Street in Austin. Flowers can be delivered to ALCBF 1309 E 12th Street Austin. Willie had selected his cousin, Dr. Barry J.W. "The Shepherd" Franklin, CFSP at A Life Celebration By Franklin to fulfill his final earthly celebration with great excellence.

# Cemetery Details

## Cook-Walden Memorial Hill Cemetery

14501 North IH 35  
PFLUGERVILLE, TX 78660

# Previous Events

## PUBLIC VIEWING FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES

AUG 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church  
1117 Eleanor Street  
Austin, TX 78721

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Joe Showels Sr*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *6 files added to the album Memories Album*



Working journey together. He believed in hard work and perseverance. In addition to drinking trucks, he started a landscaping business and worked hard to make sure the family was cared for. He eventually opened a bar and then a restaurant. He moved his restaurant business from Pflugerville to Austin in 1980 when he opened Willie's BBQ. He operated his business as "Willie Joe's" for the last 20 years. With support and love from the community he business thrived. He enjoyed going to work and greeting all his loyal customers. It became a place where you could get a bite to eat and get a little advice from a friendly face. Willie had through great love and hard, negotiation, and Jim Crow laws and sometimes made it to a place where he was not allowed. He had to sit and talk shop with all the gear that came in, strong and old. He also tried to keep a special truck for all the kids. Seeing those smiling faces made him happy. He will truly be missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 37 years, Paula Mae Showels, his father Paul O'Neal Sr., his mother Pauline Bernice Neils, his grandfather Leroy Cook, his daughter Ethelene Showels Neils and a

He holds high the lantern  
To drive away your fears.

His smile was just enough  
To give encouragement.  
His frown more than adequate  
To make one soon relent.

When some had need of guidance

New Testament: \_\_\_\_\_ Appearances: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prayer: \_\_\_\_\_ Reverend Dr. Joshua Reese, Youth Pastor  
 Mt. Olive B.C., Arlington, Texas  
 Music of Serenity: \_\_\_\_\_ Caroline Miller  
 "The Lord's Song"  
 Church Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church  
 Expressions of Love: \_\_\_\_\_ Family and Friends  
 Please limit to 3 minutes



**A Life Celebration by Franklin - October 05, 2020 at 12:42 PM**



“ *MITISSA L ALLEN lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Showels Sr*



**MITISSA L ALLEN - August 21, 2020 at 12:10 PM**

CW

“ Cheryl Sweeney Wade lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Showels Sr



Cheryl Sweeney Wade - August 11, 2020 at 07:28 AM

KF

“ To the Family of Mr. Willie Joe Showels Sr ; my heartfelt condolences & prayers are with you during this time of Bereavement ; your Father was a Wonderful Man & A Blessing to this Community ! May God Bless you all in Jesus name. 🙏

Kent Franklin - August 10, 2020 at 10:41 PM

KF

“ Kent Franklin lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Showels Sr



Kent Franklin - August 10, 2020 at 10:32 PM

 Raynell Hardeman

“ Rip



Raynell Hardeman - August 10, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willie Joe Showels Sr.*



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August 09, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Willie Joe Showels Sr.*



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August 08, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ *Sammie A. Eppright lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Showels Sr*



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**Sammie A. Eppright** - August 08, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie Joe Showels Sr.*



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August 08, 2020 at 11:28 AM

ED

“ You have our deepest sympathies. The Downing Family, Jewel(Jew Baby), Edd... and John

edward downing - August 07, 2020 at 03:12 PM

BD

“ Bekah, Nicki, Anny Michelle and Denise purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Willie Joe Showels Sr.



Bekah, Nicki, Anny Michelle and Denise - August 06, 2020 at 10:12 PM

RD

“ On behalf of Deane and I, we want to extend our heartfelt love and prayers to the entire Showels family on the loss of your Dad. May God watch over you, and comfort you during this difficult time.

Robert and Deane Daniels

Robert Daniels - August 06, 2020 at 06:20 PM

VR

“ Virginia Ross lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Showels Sr



Virginia Ross - August 06, 2020 at 05:26 PM

VR

*Cedrick and The Showels Family.. .. May God bless you and strengthen you all during this time of loss. My heart felt love and prayers I extend to each one of you. While we may try to understand the pain of such a Great loss, Only God knows how you are feeling inside look to him to ease your pain and sorrow He will never ,Never Fail ypu*

**Virginia Ross** - August 06, 2020 at 05:36 PM

AY

*It is with such deep sorrow that we lost a great businessman Mr. Willie "Papa" Showels, Sr. He always greeted you at the restaurant, made sure you were taken care of, and always had a kind word to share. The food was always prepared to perfection and tasted good, especially the mutton. Willie's BBQ did a great job catering my brother Steve's Surprise 45th birthday party 2011 (now deceased October 2018) and the 2014 Youngblood Family Reunion Dinner at Givens Recreation Center. Papa made sure to help with the delivery on both occasions. I, too, will miss seeing him when I go to the restaurant. He trained you well and I know you will keep his legacy going with great food and good customer service.*

*May God continue to bless and comfort the family.*

*Faithful customer Ms. Arlene L. Youngblood and the Youngblood Family.*

**Arlene Youngblood** - August 08, 2020 at 12:11 AM

VM

“ *Virginia Ross \* Ms.V lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Showels Sr*



**Virginia Ross \* Ms.V** - August 06, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willie Joe Showels Sr.



August 06, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Floretta Matthews lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Showels Sr



Floretta Matthews - August 05, 2020 at 07:08 PM



You will truly be missed and you left an legacy behind. Until we meet again Uncle Willie with love 💕

Floretta Matthews - August 05, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ Saddened by the loss of your dad. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Wayne & Debbie Pulver

Wayne & Debbie Pulver - August 05, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ Sending my warmest condolences to the family. Love you all! You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Aisha Reese - August 05, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ *Mary Diggs lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Showels Sr*



Mary Diggs - August 05, 2020 at 07:26 AM



*My deepest condolence to the entire Shoewls family. I'm so lost for words and me just still shocked. I won't see him sitting at the table to the right as I enter the establishment to order and talking to him waiting on my food.*

*He was a kind and respectful man he made me laugh about certain things we'd talk about my job and other things that were on the tv that was on. When I see him at H E B he would always have that smile and pleasant attitude.*

*What a wonderful man who adored his family and friends. Mr. Willie we all love you and will miss you so much. You're in the best of hands. God blessed your loving family you raised them right.*

*Rest In Peace Mr. Willie,*

Mary Diggs - August 05, 2020 at 07:37 AM



“ *Will be truly missed, Love & respect*



Charles Nunn - August 04, 2020 at 05:49 PM



*Best BBQ in town. You will be missed, thanks for all you did for East Austin.*

Kathy Saulsberry - August 05, 2020 at 01:10 AM

KH

“ Kenneth Haywood lit a candle in memory of Willie Joe Showels Sr



Kenneth Haywood - August 04, 2020 at 04:25 PM

LH

“ I remember visiting his establishment and loving the chopped beef sandwiches . He and his family were always so kind. I remember his youngest daughter and just found out I've had the pleasure of working with his granddaughter. I know Mr. Willie will be missed. Sending prayers and comfort to this family.



Latasha Hill

Latasha Hill - August 04, 2020 at 03:22 PM

CT

“ Mr Willie was a very nice and friendly man. he always had a kind word and interesting conversation. I enjoyed seeing him in HEB I would always say to him "aww naw Mr Willie you got all the bread" he would say I left you some.lol and HIS WIFE WOULD BE SITTING IN HE TRUCK SO PATIENTLY. His genuine kindness will be missed



Cheryl Bibbs Terry - August 03, 2020 at 11:58 PM

GD

*Will miss him very much good friends to me and my husband along with his wife. All four of us never got to take our trip together. Rest well your work is done!!*

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**Gertrude Davis** - August 04, 2020 at 05:59 PM

EC

*Mr willie will be missed very person always have a smile rest in peace*

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**Elizabeth Clark** - August 04, 2020 at 06:31 PM

CC

*Patrick we are so deeply sorry for the loss of your family we was a well respected gentleman that carried alot of strength to the community of East Austin may he rest in peace*

*RIP Cheryl and Bruce Crayton*

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**Cheryl Crayton** - August 07, 2020 at 03:27 PM

EA

*MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS HIS FAMILY*

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**Etta B. ALLEN-WILLIAMS** - August 10, 2020 at 03:09 PM