



# James Therman "Whimpy" Widener

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**J**ames Therman "Whimpy" Widener, 86, of Memphis, passed away November 5, 2021, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at the First Baptist Church in Memphis, Texas. Graveside service to follow at the Fairview Cemetery in Memphis, Texas.

Viewing will be held Monday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Memphis.

Whimpy was born in Harrel Chapel on May 7, 1935 to Leroy Widener and Ima Pearl Phillips Widener. He grew up and attended school in Memphis his entire childhood. He married his high school sweet heart Dorcille Stargel on August 23, 1956 in Memphis, where they then raised and chased 5 rowdy boys. He immediately began farming and ranching out of high school in the surrounding area and once he grew up and had his boys, they grew up farming, too. He also worked for the county for 20 years until his retirement. Another true love of Whimpy's was raising quarter horses and traveling far and wide for his boys to compete in 4-H and AQHA shows. In his later years, he got a lot of enjoyment out of watching all his grands and great-grands that he called his little "ring tailed tooters". He took great pride in taking care of his yard and pecan trees and also loved traveling to camp in his camper trailer with his wife. When Whimpy was home, you could always count on walking into the house and finding him in his chair watching his favorite shows, especially his RFD TV. Anyone who knew Whimpy should know the answer to "What was his favorite color?". He made sure any and everything that could be red, was red!

He is preceded in death by his parents; 1 sister, Joyce Ward; and one friend, Gayle Monzingo, who was like a brother to Whimpy.



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He is survived by his wife Dorcille, of Memphis, Tx; 5 sons, Cliff Widener of Ada, OK., Tim Widener of Memphis, Tx., Jeff and wife Jennifer Widener of Memphis, Tx., Jade Widener of Memphis, Tx., Ben and Jane Widener of Wellfleet, NE.; 1 sister, Linda Sue Foxhall; 3 brothers, Donald Widener of Ft. Worth, Tx., Mike Widener of Clyde, Tx., and Rick Widener of Bryan, Tx.; 18 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 1 great great-grandchild; and 2 special friends who were extremely near to his heart, Blackie and Shirley Johnson.



## Events


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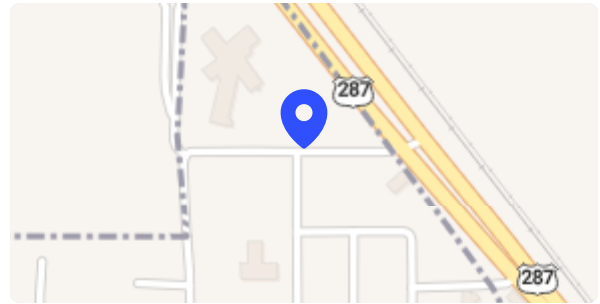
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### Viewing

 **Monday**, November 8, 2021

 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM CT

 **Robertson Funeral Directors - Memphis**  
514 North 10th Street, Memphis TX 79245

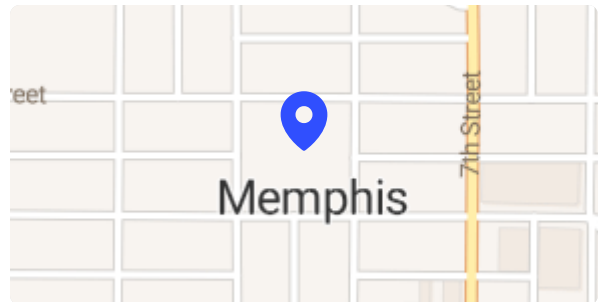


### Funeral Service

 **Tuesday**, November 9, 2021

 2:00 PM CT

 **First Baptist Church - Memphis**  
121 South 8th Street, Memphis TX 79245





# Tribute Wall

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**Chris Johnson** posted:

Wow! This was a tough one. There's so so many good memories I have of Mr. Widener and his family, I don't know where start. I guess I'll start with going to school with Ben at a very young age and becoming good friends. Then we started playing football, basketball, riding bikes etc.. like on an everyday basis. I'll never forget how Whimpy, Mrs. Dorcille and the whole Widener family took us in as family. Mrs. Widener was and still is like a 2nd mother to us. Mr. Widener and family will never know or understand how much they mean to me and my family. I thank GOD for allowing us to be associated with such LOVING people. Whimpy, THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR FAMILY WITH ME AND MY FAMILY. WE LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH AND MISS YOU. THANKS AGAIN FOR EVERYTHING. FOREVER IN OUR PRAYERS!!!

November 11 at 1:42 AM



**Bucky Geer** posted:

We just today learned of the passing of our family member and friend. Wimpy will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father and friend to all those who knew him. Rest in peace until we meet again in heaven one day. Marty and Bucky Geer

November 9 at 7:41 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Widener family.



November 8 at 3:20 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Widener family.



November 8 at 10:52 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Widener family.



November 8 at 6:26 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Widener family.

November 8 at 5:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Widener family.

November 7 at 5:55 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Widener family.

November 7 at 4:15 AM



TJ

**Tiniya Johnson** posted:

I remember as a young girl living on 5th, up the street from Wimp and next door to Ricky, we had so much fun. Kids were up and down that street playing from sun up to sundown. Always being told to look both ways before crossing the street, we would see Wimp a block away (in a "red" something) and waited for him to pass. But after missing supper a few times (insinuating it would take him a while), we finally figured out that we could get across the street, get the ball, run back and still have time to wave before he even made it to us, shaking his finger and laughing. He will be missed dearly.

November 7 at 3:35 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enduring Grace to the Widener family.

November 6 at 7:57 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Widener family.

November 6 at 6:04 PM





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**Tiniya** posted:

I remember as a young girl when my family and I lived up the street on 5th from the Widener's. Playing outside a lot, the ball would always go in the street or to the other side. You could see Wimp coming (in a "red" something) a few blocks away but we were told if a car was coming in either direction, wait for it to pass.. After a few times of waiting on Wimp, we finally figured out we could cross the street, get the ball, run back and still have to wave before he finally made it to us. (Smile) He will be missed dearly. We pray for peace and comfort for you all. God bless. Love, The Johnson's Larry, Cleola, Larry Jr., Chris, Tiniya, Marcus, Nicole and Sally

November 6 at 5:42 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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