



Joe Lee Gunnels

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Joe Lee Gunnels, 67 of Milano, Texas, was the second child of Billie & David Gunnels Sr. He passed away peacefully on July 27, 2025, in San Antonio, Texas.

Born on September 8, 1957, in Cameron, Texas, Joe was raised in the close-knit community of Milano, where he joined Goodwill Baptist Church at an early age. He developed a lifelong appreciation for family, hard work, and small-town values. He had a kind heart, quiet strength, genuine smile, and unwavering dedication to those he loved. Joe attended Milano schools where he was known for his outstanding sports performance in football, basketball & track. He attended Prairie View A&M for three years, and shortly after he worked as a truck driver for Haliburton. After many years of work in the oil field, he worked he went to work for Wal Mart where he stayed until his health deteriorated.

Joe enjoyed playing dominoes, road trips with his family, and teasing his nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Billie & David Gunnels Sr., brother, Danny Glen Gunnels, sisters, Connie Ann Gunnels, Pamela Melton, Peggy Ruth Gunnels, and Ernestine Wright, brother-in-law Richard Melton, sister-in-law Beverly Gunnels and Harold Wayne Moore.

He is survived by his Uncle Clarence (Cecil) of Houston; Uncle Wille Gunnels of Dallas; Aunt Joyce Green of Dallas; sister Debra Gunnels of Milano; brother

David Gunnels, Jr of Milano; 7 nieces and nephews David L. Gunnels, DaNeal Gunnels, Brandon Moore, Rebekah Melton, Christopher Gunnels, Mary Arrington, Jordan Melton; 12 great nieces and nephews; and a host of other relative and friends who will remember his as a loving bother, uncle, and steadfast friend. He also leaves behind a very close friend, Lorrie Miller of Cameron, who will miss him dearly. Joe's legacy lives on in the memories shared by his family, friends, and all who were touched by his gentle spirit. A memorial service will be held by the family on August 2, 2025 at Phillips & Luckey funeral Home at 11am with visitation an hour prior to the service.

Cemetery Details

Goodwill Baptist Church Cemetery

N First Street
Milano, 76556 (GB)

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home
1041 US-79
Rockdale, TX 76567-4513
(512) 446-5454

Chapel Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *To the family of Joe Gunnel
Sending my sincere condolences. I love you
all.*

*May GOD Continue to Bless all of you. Just
keep your mind on GOD cause he will see
you through. Just keep trusting in GOD.*

*I remember Joe when he worked at Walmart. He was always kind
and polite. He always had a smile on his face.*

He was eager to assist when needed.

Rest easy my friend. I love you .



Peggy Morrison - August 01, 2025 at 05:42 PM

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“ *Vickie Myers Griffin purchased the Gracious Lave
nder Basket for the family of Joe Lee Gunnels.*



Vickie Myers Griffin - August 01, 2025 at 01:21 AM

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“ Take your rest cousin. Joe was a funny, gentle giant who would sometimes talk too fast for me to understand what he was saying. I think he did it on purpose because he always laughed while doing it. That drove me crazy as a kid, but all I could do was laugh. We didn't spend long days in Milano, but when we did it was great. Aunt Bille spoiled me, Joe made me laugh, while Pam and Connie protected me like I was their child. No more pain, meds or treatments. God was ready for you. You'll forever be in my heart.



Zenobia - July 31, 2025 at 10:22 PM

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Take your rest cousin, my middle name twin. Joe was a funny, gentle giant who would sometimes talk too fast for me to understand what he was saying. I think he did it on purpose because he always laughed while doing it. I didn't spend long summer days in Milano, but when I did it was great. Aunt Bille spoiled me, Joe made me laugh, Pam and Connie treated me like I was their child, and I loved them all for that. I love you, and you'll forever be in my heart 💜

Zenobia H - August 01, 2025 at 12:56 PM