

**Shiloh Cemetery
Paul Jett – Cemetery Sexton
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Dear Funeral Director:

On behalf of the Shiloh Cemetery Committee, I wish to communicate with each of the funeral Homes that serve our cemetery families.

Shiloh Cemetery has a reputation as one of the better maintained rural cemeteries in Rusk County and east Texas.

We are experiencing a serious problem with a few grave opening services. In the past we have had grave sites opened and closed in our cemetery in a manner that is not acceptable.

We are requesting your help in alleviating this problem.

The Shiloh Cemetery Committee on behalf of the Shiloh Cemetery Association, herein announces that beginning immediately, a **GRAVE OPENING AND CLOSING PERMIT** is required.

For any individual to open and close a grave in Shiloh Cemetery, he/she will agree to the terms by completing and signing our Grave Opening and Closing Permit prior to any work grave opening.

We are sending this letter to **all** area funeral homes.

As professionals, we understand that the families who you serve expect nothing but the best for their loved ones. When the family returns after the graveside service and the flowers are removed, we want the gravesite to be viewed in a favorable way.

We do not choose the grave opening service. You do. However, we have a fiduciary responsibility to the families to maintain in perpetuity the gravesite of their loved one. Therefore we are enlisting your assistance in this matter.

When you contact your grave opening company, please advise them that prior to working in Shiloh Cemetery, they will be required to read and sign the above mentioned permit. The permit is of no charge. It does require that they work with the cemetery sexton to leave the grave closure as required by the permit.

Sincerely,

Paul Jett
Cemetery Sexton

Ps- You may view any current policies and/or changes on our website: www.shilohcemetery.org

