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## 'Legendary' Roxie's Grocery owners honored for nearly 40 years of service

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**Residents gather at Roxie's Grocery, a North Memphis staple for nearly 40 years, to honor founders Floyd and Roxie Miller Friday, Aug. 4.** (Brad Vest/Special to The Daily Memphian)

Following the news that Roxie's Grocery will be sold, dozens gathered at the North Memphis shop Friday, Aug. 4, to honor the store's owners, Floyd and Roxie Miller.

Roxie's Grocery, located at 520 N. Third St., opened its doors in 1986.

The owners will be retiring and selling the store's building, which the Millers purchased for \$31,500 in 1989.

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### Roxie's Grocery will be sold

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The store will remain open until a sale occurs, with business hours being Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Nearly 40 years after opening to the public, the business has been a mainstay for local residents who praise the store for its famous burgers and sense of community.

"This is a historic thing because Roxie's has such an impact on so many people," Shelby County Commission Chairman Mickell Lowery said at Friday's event. "Now, everyone knows (if) you want one of the best burgers in the city, you come here, you come to this place."



**Shelby County Commission Chairman Mickell Lowery, right, presents Roxie's Grocery founders Roxie Miller, second from left, and Floyd Miller, center, with a resolution during a ceremony Friday, Aug. 4. (Brad**

Representing District 8, where Roxie's Grocery resides, he continued, "But also, too, this is the service that you all have provided because this area has been somewhat of a desert for so long, and just being able to get household goods and things of that nature. So thank you for the work that you've put in for 37 years. You've earned this retirement, you've earned this day."

Charlie Caswell Jr., a fellow Shelby County commissioner, recalled attending Humes Junior High School, located nearby Roxie's Grocery as a youth, and "cutting school to come over ... to get some of those hamburgers."

"It still stuck with me," he said. "So I just want to thank you for your service to this community and wish you well as God allows you to go into your retirement. And know that the best is yet to come."

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Lowery then presented the Millers with a resolution for their dedication to their loyal patrons throughout the years.

Several community and family members also shared their memories from the store during the ceremony, including the owners' granddaughter, Blake Miller.

Recounting the days she spent as a child in the neighborhood and store, she said, "We would sit in Roxie's, we would play checkers, we would take naps behind the counter. We would eat burgers, and when we were old enough, we would make burgers."

Calling her grandparents "legendary," she said, "They are givers and they have earned their place in heaven."



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