





BARN OUILTS ARE BIG IN NORTHEAST TEXAS



Tumbleweed Smith

If you're anywhere near Bonham, the county seat of Fannin County, you see a lot of quilt patterns painted on barns and other buildings. The paintings represent one square of a quilt. "The history of barn quilts came about

some years ago when barns in Kentucky Tumbleweed Smith and Ohio and different areas were coming into disrepair and residents wanted to brighten up their communities," says Patti Wolf, who ranches near Ivanhoe north of Bonham. She created a barn quilt trail that winds through Fannin County. "At any given time we have 150 to 170 squares," says Patti. "It fluctuates because people are moving out or in and some are being repaired. It takes two days to see all of them. We provide maps."

Most of the quilt paintings are four by four feet square but some are eight feet by eight feet.

"We have a few two feet by two feet but I didn't go that direction because I wanted people to be able to see these from the road and enjoy looking at them."

Some are painted directly on the buildings. Others are painted on wood or metal and screwed onto the structures.

"It's outdoor paint of course. We have a huge tourist attraction here and have people come here from all over the United States and Canada. We've even had some from Italy. My goal was basically to celebrate this community and its residents."

She says it's easy to paint a quilt square.

"It's all geometric. Get out your ruler and a pencil; draw your pattern on a board or something. It's all between lines and stuff. If you can color, you can paint a quilt square. It's great fun. We have several on our place and people are always driving by and looking at them."

It's also a great project for kids and family members to work together.

"Home schoolers can make them. At our high school in Bonham the geography teacher had his students paint a quilt square. It's good for the kids because it's numbers and measuring stuff. It up on their agriculture barn."

Some people looking for ideas about quilt design turn to Google or other social sites. In earlier time the Kansas City Star newspaper put a quilt design in every issue of its publication. Many early quilters relied on the paper for patterns.

"O my gosh, there's so many quilt patterns out there. Everybody has a quilt that grandma made and it's a wonderful way to make her memory last a long time."

The trail is twelve years old and is called The Fannin County Quilt Barn Trail, The Largest Barn Quilt Trail In The State Of Texas.

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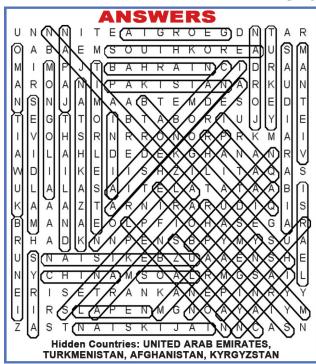
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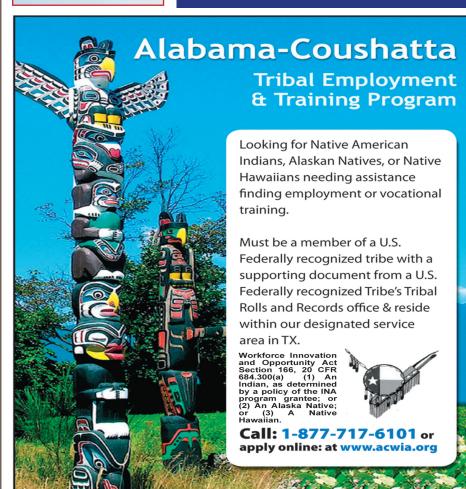
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Gilberto "Gilbert" Lopez

Gilberto "Gilbert" Lopez, 58, of Corpus Christi, passed away in the early morning of March 23, 2023. A visitation was held Saturday, April 1, at 5 p.m. at West Oaks Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, Tx. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m., also at West Oaks Funeral Home. Gilbert was born February 17, 1965 in Lockney, Texas to Honorio and Eusebia Lopez. He graduated from Plainview High School in 1983, and later moved to Sulphur Springs, Texas, where he worked at Grocery Supply and Morningstar.

Left to cherish Gilbert's memory are his daughter, Kara Henry (Tony), of Commerce; mother, Eusebia Lopez, of Plainview; brothers Daniel Lopez (Maggie), of Abbeville, La., Willie Lopez (Louisa), of Plainview; sisters, Hilda Gonzales (Gerald), of Plainview, Nina Flores (Jerry), of Plainview, Mary Camarena, of Carlsbad, NM; grandsons, Kaidyn and Karter, both of Commerce; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Gilbert is preceded in death by his father, Honorio Lopez; brother, Ricardo Lopez; sister, Marillita Lopez; and granddaughter, Kaislee Henry.

Serving as Gilbert's pallbearers are Joshua Lopez, Eric Lopez, Steven Lopez, Gerald Gonzales Jr., Tim Gonzales, and Carlos Camarena. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



William Ray Nash

William Ray Nash was born on January 15, 1943, to the late Sidney/Lena Fay Malone Nash. He was the oldest child of that union, followed by Bobbie Faye Brown, the late Charles Edward Nash (Linda), Robert Joe Nash (Cathy), and Alice Moore all of Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Ray accepted Christ at an early age, following the death of his mother, when he was 7 years old. He subsequently joined Morning Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Douglas High School Class of 1961. He began his career with Rockwell International (Nordstrom, Flowserve) in 1962 which he gave 43 years of faithful and dedicated service. In August 1965, He married Melba Jean Hawkins and they have enjoyed and cherished more than 57 years of marriage. The Legacy of the Legend Ray and Melba's only child is Antonio Ray Nash of Austin, Texas; Daughters in Law: Dorsey Flowers of Phoenix, Arizona and Melanie Nash of Austin, Texas; Granddaughters: Antwanelle Nash-Ford (Ohio), Aidreauna (Ruttie) Nash (Austin), Me'Leauna Nash (Tyler), and Gabreunna Nash (The University of Texas at Austin);

Grandson: Miekaul Nash (Texas Tech University at Lubbock); Great-Grandsons: Raynelle, Vincent, and Azariah Ford (Ohio). He is survived by Aunt/Mama: Ada Malone Sims; Stepmother: Rosa Nash Taylor (Mt. Vernon); God Daughters: Achalee Miller (Miller Grove), Nona Brown Gilbert (Sulphur Springs), Sunnette West, and Terry Hawkins (Sulphur Springs); followed by a long list of brothers in law, sisters in law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a countless number of friends.

"Ray" Nash has his accolades of working at Rockwell for over 43 years, as a company, where he was an integral part of his team for making components for nuclear reactors, the Space Shuttle, The Air Force's B1-B Lancer Bomber, and a host of industry products. He is also the co-owner of Melba's Kreation (a floral company which handles floral, catering, weddings, and other memorable occasions. He and Melba shared numerous awards for Best Float during the Dairy Festival and Fall Festival; not to leave out the 20 years of their monthly booth at Trading Days, Canton, Texas.

Ray has left an incredible legacy on his family as the Late Uncles Charles would say "He is the greatest friend" that our family ever had. As an un-common pilar of this community he offered great wisdom and down-home insights, to his family and all whom knew him. He came to prominence the old-fashioned way; strong faith in God; love of family and worked hard to achieve what you want in this world. Though he is now gone from our lives, we will always remember Ray Nash.



Joyce Coker Friddle

Joyce was born on September 24, 1931 to Sam and Dolly Coker. She worked for over 24 years at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital, where she was in charge of the General Store.

She is survived by her son, Terry Woolverton and wife, Carolyn A. Wolverton; grandson, Westley R. Woolverton and wife, Kelly Woolverton; great granddaughter, Charlotte A. Woolverton; daughter-in-law, Mary Woolverton; grandchildren, David Woolverton Jr, Amanda and Aaron Ross; great grandchildren, Allen Woolverton, Charlotte and Every Ross. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James D. Friddle and youngest son, David Woolverton Sr.

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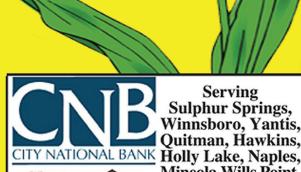






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