

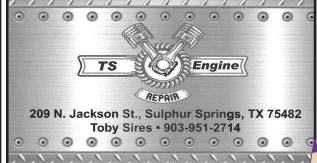


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When I stepped onto the porch of Nancy Lane's house in Brady I knew it was going to be an interesting visit. The porch was decorated with flags, windmills, signs and comfortable furniture that provided a warm and welcoming atmosphere. I was there to interview her about her dollhouses. She makes them.

"I live with them," she says. "They're all over my house. I build them from scratch."

Tumbleweed Smith This clever woman, an accomplished artist, makes items for inside the houses.

"This chandelier is made from a ladies' sandal. I use a dental floss box to act as a water container for the commode. I took a bird cage and turned it into a gazebo."

She has dollhouses that are log cabins, farmhouses, even recreational vehicles. Nancy has fifteen dollhouses inside her house and more in a barn outside. They're large. Most are four feet long with two or three stories. One is six feet long. They all have several rooms, all completely furnished. She took the roof off one to show me the inside.

"Over here is the music room. There's a bedroom, and this one has a game room with a pool table. I'll put the roof back on so you can see the rooftop patio."

Some houses are on turntables so when you turn them around you have a completely different view. She showed me one that was just a regular house on one side but when you turned it around you notice it is decorated for Christmas.

"That's my Christmas house. At Christmas time I just turn it around."

Almost all the houses have wrap-around porches. The upstairs ones have balconies. In building her houses, she uses a scale of one inch representing one foot.

She took me into a room so she could show me what she calls a room box.

"This little room on the shelf here is a representation of this room that we're in. I don't know why I did it; ideas just pop into my head. I just go with it. When I get an idea if I don't do something with it right then I lose it. Use it or lose it."

She is serious about building dollhouses and attends workshops and showcases.

"Doll houses are big in the northeast but not so much in Texas. I'm working on one right now called the Glanville. The designer of this dollhouse used the design of the Rosemont mansion in Waxahachie."

She buys some items for her dollhouses. She showed me a rug.

"This is an actual dollhouse vintage rug. It cost nearly a hundred dollars. Doll housing is not cheap."

Growing up, Nancy had 100 dolls. Her daddy built her a big dollhouse that she played with in the garage. She still has it.

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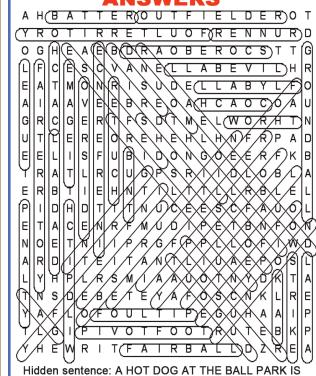
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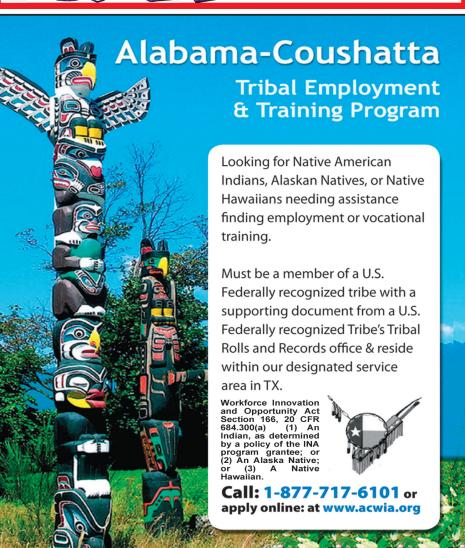
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| Charlie Winchester

Funeral service for Charlie Winchester, age 54, of Cumby, Texas, will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Cody Winchester, Randy Winchester, Shawn Moore, Leslie Spears, Osvaldo Rojas, and Bobby Moody. Honorary pallbearers will be Richard Ward and Eusebio Vazquez. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. A graveside will be held at a later date at New Salem Cemetery in Centerville, Texas. Mr. Winchester passed away on August 11, 2023 at the Christus Mother Francis Hospital of Sulphur Springs.

Charlie was born December 31, 1968, in Sulphur Springs, Texas, to Charlie and Sandra (Woodard) Winchester. He married Karen Sue (Richardson) Winchester on November 28, 2014. After completing some college courses he went on to work as a truck driver for Farmer's Co-Op.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Sue Winchester of Cumby, TX; sons, Cody Winchester and wife Jessica of Cumby, TX, Randy Winchester of Chandler, TX; daughters, Ashley Farnam of Lindale, TX, Makayla Truitt of Cumby, TX, Chasity Winchester of Mineola, TX, and Dusty Clark; brothers, Grady Winchester, Dustin Winchester, and Charles Murtz; sister,

Paula Murtz; aunt, Linda Deas; as well as numerous grandchildren, and multiple cousins.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Sandra Winchester. Arrangements under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Granny Gail "Adair" Johnson November 25, 1939 — August 12, 2023

Gail Johnson, lovingly known as Granny Gail, passed away on August 12, 2023, at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, Texas. She was born on November 25, 1939, in Whitewright, Texas to Beauford "Boots" Adair and Novell Marie Senter. She married the love of her life, "Sonny" William Lin Johnson, on October 4, 1957.

Gail's early career began at Allstate and Rains ISD as an administrative assistant. A dedicated and hardworking individual, she always found the time to watch her children play sports while excelling in her profession. Education played a significant role in Gail's life. At the young age of 5, she attended Frog Pond School in Lone Oak, Texas. As time went on, she became the valedictorian of her graduating class at L.D. Bell High School. Outside of her professional and educational pursuits, Gail enjoyed various hobbies and interests. Playing bingo brought her joy and excitement, she also spent quality time engaging with others in the spirit of friendly competition.

She is survived by herchildren, William Johnson, Kelley Courtney, Traci Rowland and husband Dereck, and Todd Johnson and wife Jennifer; grandchildren, William Cole Johnson, Jamie Lin Camp-Johnson, Gina Marie Childress, Kandace Marie Rodgers and husband Mario Campos, Karmen Franklin and husband Eric, Kimberely Nicole Blue and husband Keith, Anthony Michael Black and wife Kristen, Chelsea Dawn Wilson, Addison Currey, Ashten Johnson and Sydnee Johnson; numerous great-grandchildren and one great-grandson; brothers, Edward Adair and wife Carol and Randy Adair and wife Lisa; and sister, Carol Adair Wise.

Gail is preceded in death by her beloved husband, William "Sonny" Lin Johnson; parents, Beauford Adair and Novell Senter Adair; son, Tony Johnson; brothers, Ronnie Adair, and Jackie Adair; and sister, Phyllis Rains.

Gail's life will be celebrated in a "Celebration of Life" event on August 19, 2023, at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Emory, Texas. The service will commence at 11:00 am and will allow friends, family, and loved ones to honor her memory and pay tribute to the extraordinary person she was. It is an opportunity to come together and share stories that illustrate Gail's vibrant spirit and the impact she had on those around her.

Winnie Gail Johnson lived a life filled with dedication, love, and laughter. She leaves behind a legacy of hard work, compassion, and familial devotion. Her presence will be deeply missed but forever cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing her. May she rest in peace.



Anthony Fisher

Anthony Fisher's passed at the age of 57 on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

Visitation will be held at August 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., ending at 8:00 p.m., at West Oaks Funeral Home, 500 S. Hillcrest Drive, Sulphur Springs, TX.

Funeral service will be August 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., at West Oaks Funeral Home, 500 S. Hillcrest Drive, Sulphur Springs, TX.

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