



## Tonya Sue Wheeler

December 9, 1964 - November 19, 2023

Tonya Sue Wheeler, age 58, of Blanchard passed away surrounded by family on Sunday, November 19, 2023. Tonya was born on December 9, 1964 in Canadian, Texas, to Billy Wayne Lard and Patsy Ruth (Yarnold) Atterberry. She graduated with the Marietta Indians class of 1983. Tonya dedicated her life serving in law enforcement. She met the love of her life Danny Wheeler on AOL and they connected right away. Of course, she was true to her police officer training and only agreed to date him, once he passed a background check. The two were married on March 22, 2014. The couple spent 22 amazing years together, and were married for 9, celebrating their love and making memories.

Tonya's favorite hobby was junking and antiquing. Story has it that she had to rent a U-Haul to accommodate all her new treasures on a few occasions.

Tonya loved her family and treasured camping and fishing trips. She spent many hours crafting and redoing furniture. Tonya was known to make the most delicious "Cinnamon Rolls". She used her mother's recipe and baked with love. She shared her gift of baking with family and friends. Tonya enjoyed spoiling Dan with his favorites, banana nut bread and pumpkin bread. She was spunky, fun and a spit-fire. Some of her favorite quotes were, "Drive like you stole it" and "Love you to the moon and back". Tonya was a loving wife, outstanding mother, precious daughter and amazing Nana. She was loved immensely and will be missed greatly.

Tonya is preceded in death by her son, Josh Wheeler of Transfer, PA., grandparents, Ed and Ruth Yarnold, and B.W. and Ruby Lard; her uncles, Lefty Yarnold, Roy Yarnold and Archie Lard; and her aunt, Phyllis Yarnold.

She is survived by her husband, Dan Wheeler of the home; her daughters, Lindsay Tizzio and husband Michael of Moore, Kimberly Bryant of Copperas Cove, Texas, and Mycha Bartlett and husband Chase of Tuttle; her sons, Brian Nicholson and wife Ashley of Mustang, Sean Wheeler of Oklahoma City, and Cody Blair and wife Shelby of Huntington Beach, CA; her dad, Billy Lard and wife Rose of Duncan; her mother, Patsy Atterberry and husband Bob of Purcell; her sisters, Tara Wade and husband Stacy of Purcell, Trina Perigo and husband Craig of Purcell, Amanda Lard of Duncan and Shanna Chaney and husband David of Texarkana, Tx; her brothers, Todd Lard of Ft. Lauderdale, Fl, Joe Lard and wife Brittney of Comanche, Ok and Danny Atterberry and wife Tiffani of Krum, Tx; and 17 grandchildren that meant the world to her, as well as, a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers, you may go to the Purcell Police Department and you can donate to Shop with a Cop or give to your favorite cancer donation preference.

Memorial Services will be held 2:00 pm Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at Little's Chapel. Send online condolences to [www.wilsonlittle.com](http://www.wilsonlittle.com)

# Tribute Wall

EK

“ Tonya was a true kindred spirit. I will never forget the kindness and genuine heart she had. She loved her people hard. She will be so missed.

Erica Kickapoo - December 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ She was a good friend, Loved her like a sister. She'll be missed but always remembered. Our condolences to the family!

James Cavitt - December 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ You are a beautiful soul and we were very blessed to have you as our neighbor and friend. I will always remember your cinnamon rolls because they were the best ever made. Soar high my friend and we'll watch over your beloved Dan. We love you.



Chris and Tina Largent - November 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ The Moore family sends our love and hugs to you all today as Tonyas celebration of Life begins. She was our neighbor growing up and we will never forget all the fun and laughs we shared through the summer and the winter shenanigans we did with The Lard Family living right across the road from us.. we love you and praying for peace and comfort for you all today..



Helen Moore - November 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Tonya-you were always so caring, loving and funny. You coming to Daddy's funeral making that drive meant a lot to not only me but our entire family. I am thankful you are resting high with our family probably playing chicken foot and know they greeted you with the big Yarnold smiles💕💕

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**Holly Byrd** - November 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Billy, I am so sorry for your loss. I wish I had known her better, after all, we were cousins! I love you and hope and pray that all is well with you.

Love & prayers,  
Cookie Newton GAMBLIN  
Pampa, Texas

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**Terry Newton Gamblin** - November 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Sincere sympathy ❤️🕊 Much Peace and Love 💕 to all family and friends. Tonya was a neighbor in our Paoli days and always a good friend. she will be missed by everyone of us who knew and loved her. I am out of the state and won't be back til late December. So sorry to miss her memorial service. Much love 💕 and hugs 🤗 to you all 🥺

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**dixie Madden** - November 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Sending prayers and hugs during this difficult time.*

*Tonya's smile and enjoyment of crafts will always be the memory that I cherish.  
I loved when her and Mark talked and connected over their working days in Purcell.  
We both are blessed that our paths crossed.  
God Bless you all.  
Mark & Carol Crick*



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**Carol Crick** - November 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Tonya was such a great person. I worked indirectly with her on my job at Purcell City Hall and hers with the Purcell Police Dept. She and I shared many laughs together...she will be sorely missed !!! 🙏*

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**Dale Chambers** - November 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM