

Woodcarve in
the Beautiful
Texas Hill Country



Charles "C-Max" Winstead

April 19, 1939 - August 14, 1987



Charles Winstead, 48

Charles Winstead, 48, of Midlothian died Friday, August 14, 1987 at 10 p.m. in Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Memorial services were 2 p.m. Sunday in Walker Funeral Chapel with Rev. Gary Boyd of First Baptist Church officiating. Interment was in the Coleman City Cemetery under the direction of Walker Funeral Home.

Born in Coleman on April 19, 1939, he was the son of Henry and Lolita Winstead. He graduated from Coleman High School and attended Sul Ross and McMurry College on an

athletic scholarship. On Dec. 19, 1959 he married Sharon Wilson in Anson. Mr. Winstead was a retired store manager for Worth Pipe and Supply and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Sharon; his mother, Lolita Winstead of Coleman; a daughter, Mrs. Dodson of Mansfield; a sister, Mrs. Adams of Lancaster; and a son, Bryson Alan Winstead of Midlothian.

Honorary pallbearers were members of his 1957 graduating class.

WHO WAS CHARLIE WINSTEAD?

We get this question all the time from old and new members of the Texas Woodcarvers Guild because of the Charles "C-Max" Winstead Memorial Award which is presented each year to an outstanding member of the Guild. Charlie was the first Charter Member of the Guild. He had this honor because he developed the concept of the TWG. Lots of others implemented this idea because of the state of Charlie's health, but the guiding principles of our organization are based on Charlie's ideas.

Charlie was a really great cowboy caricature carver. His carvings always depicted the life of the cowboy with wonderful humor and honesty. He got into carving as a means of keeping busy after his first heart attack. He

became a real advocate for the teaching and promoting woodcarving in general. He was a member of several carving organizations, and always brought his enthusiasm and love of fun and fellowship to whatever group he joined.

To explain what made Charlie special, one of our members tells the story of his first carving seminar. As a total novice at carving, this member was so intimidated that he found a place in the back of the room so that fewer people would see how scared he was. Charlie walked into the room, looked over the participants, picked up a chair and went straight for this novice. Charlie spent three days helping him, and never carved on his piece at all. Needless to say, they became fast friends and the relationship lasted until Charlie's death. Charlie's actions at the seminar exemplify his personality. He was completely open and giving of his time and talents, as well as his friendship. We hope that our organization presents this spirit to everyone interested in woodcarving.

Charlie died during open heart surgery in August 1987 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Texas. He was born in Coleman, Texas and was laid to rest there 48 years later. He and his wife, Sharon were very active in woodcarving. Everyone who knew Charlie remembers him with great affection. His generosity of spirit and sense of fun were the basis for the development of this organization. Thus we present the award every year to members who embody similar spirit in service to the Texas Woodcarvers Guild.