



## Christine Marie Whitfill

June 2, 1955 - February 8, 2021

Christine Marie Whitfill, 65, of Plano TX died February 8, 2021 in Plano, TX. She was born on June 2, 1955 and adopted by James Browning and Myrtle Browning in Baltimore, MD. She married Joe Whitfill on May 3, 1986 in Dallas, TX.

She was a Travel Coordinator/Canadian Consulate for 7 years, Travel Agent/EDS for 10 years, and a Travel Agent/American Express for 10 plus years. She was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association.

She is survived by her spouse, John Whitfill (Plano, TX), Kim Tyler (Shreveport, La), and James N. Browning, Jr. (Lake Tahoe, NV).

Christy was the first of three adopted children. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, she grew up in Richardson, Texas, graduating from Richardson High School and then SMU with a major in French and a minor in Chinese. Her first major was dance, but she liked modern dance so little that she changed her major.

When she graduated from SMU, she flew with her Dad to New York City to apply for a job at the United Nations where she could apply her language skills, but she soon found out she didn't like the big city at all and returned to Texas and a job at the Canadian Consulate in downtown Dallas where she took groups to Canada to promote Canadian tourism. It was on one of these trips where she learned to ski.

She lived with her parents after graduating from SMU and returned home one day with a bucket full of carrots to announce, "Guess what these are for?" They were for her first horse, Cinnamon, which she kept in a stable in Mesquite until a friend convinced her to move to a better stable in what is now Willow Bend. While she was at the first stable one Sunday, she decided to play doctor and put some eye drops in Cinnamon's eyes. Two other boarders found her and rushed her to the hospital where she was diagnosed with a broken nose, concussion, and broken arm. A steel plate and session with plastic surgery later, she was back on her horse. She was very disappointed that the injury kept her from attending the Calgary Stampede in Canada with a friend which was planned for the next day after her injury.

While she was out of commission, Christy decided to breed her mare, Pay was born, and that is where Joe entered the picture. When he met her at a friend's wedding, it was love

at first sight and they spent the next few months getting to know each other. Joe proposed on a ski trip to Banff, Canada, which is where he learned to ski. Christy also taught him to ride horses but not her love of showing. He entered one horse show, found it boring, and that was the end of his showing career.

Christy, however, entered both Cinnamon and Pay, and later Blues and Duncan in horse shows, qualifying for the AQHA World Show several times. Her brother, Jim, helped with the purchase of Duncan, and this horse remains the favorite of all the horses.

After the Canadian Consulate, she worked as a travel agent for EDS and American Express where she turned her love of cruises into a Cruise Specialist Certification. She and Joe traveled all through the Caribbean. She also went on trips with the travel agencies to Germany, Thailand, Ireland, and Bermuda.

From the travel agencies, she worked for her brother at Prove Up Legal Services. It was during this time that she began qualifying for the AQHA World Shows and traveled around the country to various horse shows before ending up at the World Show several times.

From Prove Up, she moved on to Women of Faith where she started in ticketing and moved on to Volunteer Coordinator where she arranged for the hundreds of volunteers needed for a Women of Faith Conference. Leaving there, she finished her working career at Joni and Friends as an admin before retiring in January of 2020. While working there, she also spent five years as a volunteer in the adult special needs Sunday School class at church before joining the church choir, also a passion of hers. Besides singing in the choir, she also volunteered to help prepare the music for the other choir members. She and Joe volunteered to work with the Awana youth at Stonebriar, a pursuit which was interrupted by the Covid pandemic.

After retiring, she chose to spend her time with Joe, Duncan, their dog, Meggie, various Bible studies, and volunteering at MainGait, a therapeutic horsemanship center.

In lieu of flowers, Christy would love for donations to be sent to MainGait or to Joni and Friends for family retreat in Christy's name. Joni and Friends has set up a scholarship fund in her name for this as well.

# Cemetery

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## Restland Memorial Park

13005 Greenville Avenue

Dallas, TX, 75243

# Events

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**FEB**

**Graveside**

01:00PM

**23**

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Court of Reflections - Restland Memorial Park

13005 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX, US, 75243

# Comments

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Christine Marie Whitfill.



February 22 at 09:05 PM

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“ Joe, I am very sorry for your loss. -Deidra Cunningham-

**Deidra Cunningham** - February 22 at 02:16 PM

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“ Christy was always the most upbeat person always with a smile and a good word. She loved her horses and that is how I met her with her mare, Cinnamon and younger horse Pay. She doted on her horses and took amazing care of them with the help of her husband Joe. When her brother enabled her to get Duncan her dreams of showing were fulfilled and she, of all people, deserved Duncan and the joy they had showing and winning. Duncan was lucky to have her. I know that Cinnamon and Pay have greeted her in heaven and she will be very much missed here on earth.  
Diane (Trammell) Bryn

**Diane Trammell Bryn** - February 22 at 10:48 AM



“ Diane, I remember you well. Thank you for your kind words. Christy loved horses, As a girl, her room was adorned with horse figurines, Nobody touched her horses, except there was that day Barbie, wearing Skippers head, was riding a "black shoe polish" Palomino. When she adopted Cinnamon, her life changed, and she spent much of the rest of her life in a barn, a field or a show arena. Christy's dream was always to qualify for "The World." She worked so hard first training Blue's, then Ivana, but neither horse had show talent. Then Duncan came into her life, they fell in love and HE trained her. On her 50th birthday, she qualified for 2 World events. She went on to many more awards. Christy, generously, donated Ivana to Still Creek Ranch Equestrian Program for children in crisis. Christy understood from our parents, "To whom much is given, much is required." She is missed, and lives on in our hearts & cherished memories. I am proud to be her 'little brother' and thankful to Finally be forgiven for the shoe polish incident & beheading Barbie. Much Love Diane. Thank you for the friendship. You meant so much to Christy. Jim Browning Jr.

**Jim Browning, Jr.** - March 13 at 04:43 PM



“ I knew her as Christy , she and i went to RHS together. She was a sweet girl who smiled all the time. She was kind and loved life. She made a difference in this world !

**Vicki Hughes** - February 21 at 07:29 PM