

Interview Essay: Normajo Reynolds

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Normajo: a Beautiful Puzzle Piece of Mills County

Normajo Reynolds is the kind of woman you wish was your grandma, mom, and best friend all at once. She is charismatic, loving, and mindful of others. When I first began my interview with her, and explaining that I chose her because she has lived in Mills County for quite some time, she told me, “see, the thing about us who have lived a long time, we don’t remember much.” Normajo will tear your stomach up from the amount of laughter she causes.



Normajo Reynolds was born in Goldthwaite, Texas in 1946. She lived there until the age of five when her parents moved them to Ft. Worth, Texas. Normajo attended school in the Ft. Worth area for 12 years. She came back to Goldthwaite to visit her grandparents every summer and finally met the love of her life, Earl Wayne Reynolds. Normajo and Earl Wayne wed in Fort Worth, then moved back to Goldthwaite to start their lives together as a family.

After a while, Normajo and Earl Wayne started their family and had a little boy named Bradley Reynolds. Normajo told me she decided she should start working after Brad was a couple years old. She worked for Dr. Tom Cody Graves for five years, and then she had her daughter, Keri Roberts. After Keri had entered school, Normajo decided it was time again for her to work. One of her friends mentioned that there was a job opening at the Chamber, and Normajo joked that she’d take the job if it was a 10-2. Well, it happened to be a 9-3 job, and the rest was history.

Normajo lived and still does live a dream. When Keri was just a young girl, she told Normajo that she was going to move back to Goldthwaite and build a house right next to her parents. Years later, Keri did just that, and they still live right next door. Normajo worked for the Chamber for 20 years until her first grandchild was born. After Kody was born, both Normajo and Earl Wayne retired so they could take care of their grandchildren until it was time for them to start school. Earl Wayne worked for the Texas Highway department for 30 years before retiring. Shortly after Kody was born, Britni was born. Both kids were Normajo’s world. She did anything and everything for them. A few years pass and a surprise grandchild is born, Brooke. Normajo and Earl

Wayne took care of her until the day she entered school. All three grandchildren were practically raised by Normajo and Earl Wayne until entering elementary, and it was a beautiful sight.

The house that Normajo lives in today is the house that her and Earl Wayne first moved into after getting married. It was a house built by her grandparents, in hopes one of their grandchildren would live in it one day. The house is the one in which Brad and Keri were raised in. The house where all three grandchildren were taken care of everyday. It is the house where many laughs, cries, and good memories were made and still are made today.

Normajo not only raised two beautiful children in Mills County, but she also created a family. She contributed to the community by working for the Chamber for 20 years. She helped raise three beautiful and successful grandchildren. Normajo is a class act and a beautiful piece of Mills County. It was an honor to be able to sit down with her and hear her beautiful stories of growing up in Mills County, as well as starting a family of her own here.