



Dana Tate Maggard

January 15, 1975 - December 6, 2025

On the cold and beautiful evening of December 6, 2025, Dana Michelle (Tate) Maggard passed away suddenly, outside in the beauty and peace of her homeplace, in the arms of her loving husband Russell. In our sorrow for the tragic loss, the family is greatly comforted in knowing she was in the company of her best friend doing what they loved to do most— working and laughing and talking together outside in their little corner of God’s earth.

Dana was 50 years old. She was born on January 15, 1975 to parents Patricia and Leslie Tate. She grew up in Fairfield along with her siblings, Lisa and Michael. The middle child, she marched to the beat of her own drums. Brilliant, fun-loving, headstrong and decisive, she was the sun whose gravitational pull kept us right where we needed to be.

Dana graduated as the Salutatorian of Fairfield High School in 1993, following her dreams to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She graduated as a commissioned officer in the USAF with a Bachelor’s Degree in General Engineering. After graduation, she served her country for 5 years, separating from service with the rank of Captain in 2002 to begin her family.

Dana spent the most important years of her life as a stay-at-home mom, devoting herself to the three children who were the light of her life, Hensley

(24), Nicholas (23), and Jacob (20). A military family, she shepherded her family through many moves all over the world. Dana was an amazing mom who raised three beautiful children into remarkable, independent and kind adults. She was a fierce mama bear who protected and defended her kids, making sure they always had the space to spread their wings and become exactly who they wanted to become.

Dana moved back to Fairfield in 2020, where she began a new life with her soon-to-be husband, Russell Maggard of Teague, Texas. They were married in 2023. In Russell, Dana found a life and a partner who brought her to the most sacred place of belonging in her heart and soul. She knew joy and peace.

Talented and smart, Dana could do just about anything. After moving home, she completed a sonography program and taught at Fairfield High School for a year. She enjoyed a couple of years as the branch manager for Farmer's State Bank and was very pleased to have recently begun working as the Freestone County Auditor. She was blessed by the friendship of all of her colleagues.

Dana is survived by her husband, Russell Maggard of Fairfield, her parents, Patricia and Leslie Tate, also of Fairfield; daughter Hensley Repak of Fairfield and long-time boyfriend Cabot Ellis; son Nicholas Repak and fiancée Gianna Howell of Albuquerque, NM; and son, Jacob Repak of College Station. Left to cherish her memory are her siblings, brother Michael Tate and wife Katie of Coppell, and sister Lisa Tate of Fairfield. She will be lovingly remembered by Russell's sons, Barrett and Blake Maggard, and in-laws Jerry and Cissy Maggard of Teague. She will be missed greatly by her nieces and nephews, Bailey Carreno, Caleb Akers, Hannigan Tate and Donovan Tate; and great niece and nephews Maddox, Luna and Phillip.

Visitation will be held at First Baptist Church in Fairfield, TX on Wednesday,

December 10, 2025 from 6-8 p.m. Services will be held at First Baptist Church on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. with burial to follow at Lake Chapel Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Lake Chapel Cemetery

FM 488
Fairfield, TX 75840

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
303 S Mount
Fairfield, TX 75840

Celebration of Life

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
303 S Mount
Fairfield, TX 75840

Tribute Wall

IT

“ To Dana's family, I just recently learned of her passing. Life is a gift so precious and we can learn from Solomon to not take it lightly. My first encounter with her was our common last name. We joked we were siblings long lost. I lost track over time but reconnected on Facebook. So sad but praying for peace knowing she is with our Savior

Ian Tate - January 09 at 02:47 PM

CR

“ To Dana's family and loved ones, I am so sorry for your loss of Dana. As a classmate from the USAF Academy, I will always cherish my memories of Dana, the nicest and sweetest person I knew from my class. I am thankful and blessed to have known her pretty well from back then and I know she blessed so many others. She exhibited God's love to those around her, a true gift to so many. She will be missed

Chris Reeder - December 23, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



December 11, 2025 at 01:16 PM

TF

“ The Jonathan White Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

The Jonathan White Family - December 11, 2025 at 01:16 PM



“ Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



December 10, 2025 at 07:54 PM

FD

“ Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department purchased the Christmas Tree (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department - December 10, 2025 at 06:31 PM

FD

“ Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department - December 10, 2025 at 06:31 PM

CP

“Cliff & Jenny Phillips purchased the Grand Meat & Cheese Gift Crate for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



Cliff & Jenny Phillips - December 10, 2025 at 06:21 PM

CP

“Cliff & Jenny Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

Cliff & Jenny Phillips - December 10, 2025 at 06:21 PM

SS

“Dana and I attended High School together. I always remembered Dana as someone who radiated kindness and goodness. She was well-liked for a reason—it showed in the way she treated people and carried herself. She was also known for her intelligence and determination. I know she touched many lives. Her sudden passing is heartbreaking. I’m praying for comfort for her family and the entire community.”

Stefani Bozeman Slaughter - December 10, 2025 at 12:28 PM

CF

“Cooper Finley and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



Cooper Finley and family - December 10, 2025 at 11:24 AM

SH

“ Sarah & Harper lit a candle in memory of Dana Tate Maggard



Sarah & Harper - December 09, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



December 09, 2025 at 09:06 PM

AF

“ Amy Farrar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

Amy Farrar - December 09, 2025 at 09:06 PM

SP

“ Sarah and Spencer Patel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



Sarah and Spencer Patel - December 09, 2025 at 08:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



December 09, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ *The Larry and Jeanette Melton Family* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



The Larry and Jeanette Melton Family - December 09, 2025 at 07:13 PM



“ *Mimi, Tate, Judi Wilfong & family* purchased the *Heavenly Heights Bouquet* for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



Mimi, Tate, Judi Wilfong & family - December 09, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ *Clete and Beth Goetz* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



Clete and Beth Goetz - December 09, 2025 at 12:39 PM

SM

“ SCOTT & RENEE' MCBAY purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



SCOTT & RENEE' MCBAY - December 09, 2025 at 12:10 PM

JR

“ Julie Minchew and Kim Reynolds purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



Julie Minchew and Kim Reynolds - December 09, 2025 at 12:08 PM

JR

“ Julie Minchew and Kim Reynolds planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

Julie Minchew and Kim Reynolds - December 09, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



December 09, 2025 at 10:46 AM

HP

“ Holly Patterson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

Holly Patterson - December 09, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



December 09, 2025 at 10:39 AM

VG

“ Victor Galvan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

Victor Galvan - December 09, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



December 09, 2025 at 09:53 AM

GC

“ GFWC Texas Executive Committee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

GFWC Texas Executive Committee - December 09, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ Sherry Kent lit a candle in memory of Dana Tate Maggard



Sherry Kent - December 09, 2025 at 08:32 AM

JC

“ Jeffrey and Tammy Carruthers purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



Jeffrey and Tammy Carruthers - December 09, 2025 at 07:22 AM

JC

“ Jeffrey and Tammy Carruthers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

Jeffrey and Tammy Carruthers - December 09, 2025 at 07:22 AM

CM

“ *Christi Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Dana Tate Maggard*



Christi Montgomery - December 09, 2025 at 07:18 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.*



December 09, 2025 at 05:34 AM

MB

“ *Mike Benham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.*

Mike Benham - December 09, 2025 at 05:34 AM

—H

“ *— All our love, Sarah & Harper purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.*



— All our love, Sarah & Harper - December 08, 2025 at 07:39 PM

CD

“ Carol D. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



Carol D. - December 08, 2025 at 06:34 PM

CD

“ Carol D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

Carol D. - December 08, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



December 08, 2025 at 06:25 PM

JR

“ *Jason and Merryl Repak* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



Jason and Merryl Repak - December 08, 2025 at 06:06 PM

JR

“ Jason and Merryl Repak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

Jason and Merryl Repak - December 08, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



December 08, 2025 at 05:54 PM

KH

“ Katelyn, Jacob, Ethan and Hannah purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



Katelyn, Jacob, Ethan and Hannah - December 08, 2025 at 05:46 PM

KH

“ Katelyn, Jacob, Ethan and Hannah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

Katelyn, Jacob, Ethan and Hannah - December 08, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.*



December 08, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ *Wolf and Virginia Kraus, Emma Stratton purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.*



Wolf and Virginia Kraus, Emma Stratton - December 08, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ *Wolf and Virginia Kraus, Emma Stratton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.*

Wolf and Virginia Kraus, Emma Stratton - December 08, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ *Sherry & Ray Kent purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.*



Sherry & Ray Kent - December 08, 2025 at 04:08 PM

SK

“ Sherry & Ray Kent planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

Sherry & Ray Kent - December 08, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dana Tate Maggard.



December 08, 2025 at 04:07 PM

RA

“ Ronda English Ainsworth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dana Tate Maggard.

Ronda English Ainsworth - December 08, 2025 at 04:07 PM

SK

“ *Dane-Dane (how she disliked that nickname!) came into our lives shortly after we moved to Fairfield in 1980. She and Rae-Ann became fast friends & enjoyed playing, swimming, and giggling together. College, moving, etc. got in the way & we lost contact except for FB posts. The last time I hugged her was last year returning from a trip & picking up our car at the bank where she worked. She came out to welcome us home! I’ll cherish that short reunion.*

Patricia, Leslie, Lisa & Michael, Russell - we cannot imagine your grief, but be assured she will be spending Christmas with Jesus.

Sherry & Ray Kent

Sherry Kent - December 08, 2025 at 03:57 PM