



Diana "Di" Tatum

December 1, 2023

Born and later adopted by Jody & James Tatum in Chicago, IL, Di passed peacefully in her sleep at home in Navasota, TX at the age of 59. Di was a beacon of kindness, love, and boundless generosity, never meeting a stranger. Her infectious smile and unwavering warmth lit up every room she entered, always radiating love and compassion.

Her heart was as open as her door, always ready to offer help and support. Known for her intuitive nature, Di seemed to anticipate your needs before you, earning her the title of "magical" among those who knew her best. Her passions were as diverse as her spirit—cooking, hanging out in the pool, nurturing her garden, exploring the world, camping under the stars, and savoring a glass of wine among cherished company.

She found immense joy when in the presence of her Ren Faire family, particularly in the recent weeks leading up to her untimely passing. Dressing up and reveling in the camaraderie of Brigadoon brought her profound happiness. She was affectionately known as "Brigamom". Being a mom was truly her superpower.

Di leaves behind a legacy of love. She is survived by her daughter, Lauren, four step-children: Allyshia, Jeremy, Tara, and Kristen, her sister Cheryl, five grandchildren: Caleb, Addie, Will, Leila, and Clayton, as well as nieces,

nephews, and countless others whose lives she touched.

In eternal rest, Di joins her soulmate Rusty, parents Jody and James, step-father Ed, step-son Chance, and grandson Cymon.

A celebration of her vibrant life will be held immediately following the service at

District 249 Bar & Grill

23238 TX-249, Tomball, TX 77375

3:30 – 5:30 pm

Light bites will be available for those in our party.

In honor of Di, please wear blue, and feel free to wear your garb to celebrate her spirit.

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to the Tatum family during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 16. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Magnolia Funeral Home - December 18, 2023 at 10:01 AM



Such a beautiful soul. Sorry to hear this terrible news. My deepest condolences to her loved ones.

Carol Hernandez - January 01, 2024 at 09:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Diana "Di" Tatum.*



December 14, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Diana "Di" Tatum.*



December 13, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diana "Di" Tatum.*



December 12, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Diana "Di" Tatum.*



December 12, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Your Stylecraft Builders Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Diana "Di" Tatum.*

Your Stylecraft Builders Family - December 12, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Di helped nurse me back to health when I was 15 years old. I was living in a truck in a cow field and had pneumonia. I ended staying and working with Rusty, and each evening I would help Di cook which I loved to do and she would show me little tips and tricks and explain why you do certain things. I would have Di in my life for the next 30 years. After I turned 21 I would stop in and visit with Di and Rusty at the local watering hole when I would see their vehicle. Di was a social butterfly, then and in any environment she was in. She would flutter around smiling, talking and laughing with whomever wanted to engage. She had a way about her, if you were with Di you were going to enjoy each others company. She has that magic ingredient that separates some from others. The ability to connect with everyone and that connection between you and her be extra special and memorable. I have so many wonderful memories with Di that I am thankful for. Di taught me to jitterbug. Our time at the Houston cookoffs, our times in Brigadoon, our times with friends at her house or mine, or when I lived with her watching a show drinking that ice tea that was always on tap it seemed. I will always remember the picture of the cat we took. I love her dearly and I will remember her often!! Martin Castle*

Martin Castle - December 12, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diana "Di" Tatum.*

December 11, 2023 at 09:08 PM



“ *She definitely had that motherly, comforting and protective nature about her. Her hugs always felt warm and genuine. Forever in our hearts ❤️*

lacy - December 11, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Diana "Di" Tatum.



December 11, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ Laura and Kirby Crane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diana "Di" Tatum.

Laura and Kirby Crane - December 11, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ Di accepted us in our time of grief with open arms. She gave me a crash course on how to be a Rennie and survive. How to hack camping, hack Faire, hack garb, hack drunk traps AKA tent ropes. Invaluable life lessons. She was a great BrigaMom to our son for over a decade, and then a wonderful BrigaFriend to me when he was no longer with us. No one like her, and no one can ever take her place. She's got a busy job in the afterlife, being guardian angel for all of us. Camp will never be the same again. Huzzah! Brigadoon forever.



Shelli & Chris Black - December 10, 2023 at 05:33 PM



Thank you Shellie! Beautiful. Luv ya

bobbijo - December 10, 2023 at 05:56 PM

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“ When she brought “the magic carpet ride” to camp. We didn’t know then, but it turned into a place for soothing words, ruckus laughter, and nonjudgemental hugs.

bobbijo - December 10, 2023 at 05:17 PM

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“ Bobbijo and Lwana purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Diana “Di” Tatum.



Bobbijo and Lwana - December 09, 2023 at 10:23 AM