



Alana Ruth Hughes

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Alana Ruth Hughes, a dedicated community leader and advocate, transitioned from this life on February 17, 2024, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Born on April 26, 1956, in Germany to her loving parents Allen Dunn and Billie Ruth (Lassiter) Dunn, Alana's life was marked by compassion, service, and unwavering dedication to others.

Alana was a vibrant and loving person, cherishing both adventure and family bonds. Her zest for life, combined with her passion for travel, cycling, and golfing, brought joy to her days. Alana built a strong connection with her daughter's soccer community as she could always be found on the sidelines supporting them. Alana had a love for her grandchildren that reflects the deep connections she valued in life.

Throughout her life, Alana made significant contributions to her community. She led key initiatives such as bringing Any Given Child to Tulsa, a program of the Kennedy Center, to provide arts experiences to every K-8 student in Tulsa Public Schools; the creation of Youth Philanthropy Initiative, a three-year program for high school students to focus on a community project and drive change through philanthropy; bringing Haruv USA to Tulsa which provides education and training for students and professionals who work to identify, prevent, and treat child abuse and neglect; supporting Women In Recovery and the Women's Justice Team - programs of Family & Children's Services - to assist women facing criminal charges or are on probation with substance abuse treatment, education and life skills, and reunifying with their children; working with Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma to create the Parents' Defense Team to provide legal representation to low-income parents in the child welfare system; and the creation of scholarship programs for students pursuing degrees in social work.

Alana served on many boards and was highly involved with several important local organizations, including Tulsa Community Foundation, the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits, the Tulsa Community College Foundation, Tulsa Area United Way, Tulsa City-County Library, Parent Child Center, the Child Advocacy Network, and the Family Safety Center. In September 2022, Alana was named as a Vision Dinner honoree by the Tulsa Community College Foundation, and in



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October 2022, Alana testified as part of an interim study conducted by the Oklahoma Senate Health and Human Services Committee, which led to the creation of the Family Representation and Advocacy Program, adopted by the Oklahoma legislature in May 2023. Alana served more than 24 years in employment with the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Foundation, where she will now have a scholarship in her memory.

Alana is survived by her cherished daughter, Austin, and her adored grandchildren Damon, Tylie, Paige, Tennessee, and Stormy. She is also survived by her beloved mother, Billie Ruth, devoted sisters Jackie and Star, brother James, and a host of other family members and friends whose lives she enriched with her presence.

She is preceded in death by her grandchild Kimber, father Allen, and grandparents L.O. and Ruth Lassiter.

A celebration of Alana's life will be held on Saturday, April 27th, 2024, at 6 pm at the Will Rogers Museum in Claremore, Oklahoma. In honoring her memory, let us carry forward her legacy of compassion, service, and love for others. Alana's impact will continue to resonate, inspiring generations to come. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate any donations to be made in her name at the Youth Services of Tulsa: <https://www.yst.org> or JAMES Inc: <https://jamesinc.org> or the Family Safety Center: <https://fsculsa.org>.



Events


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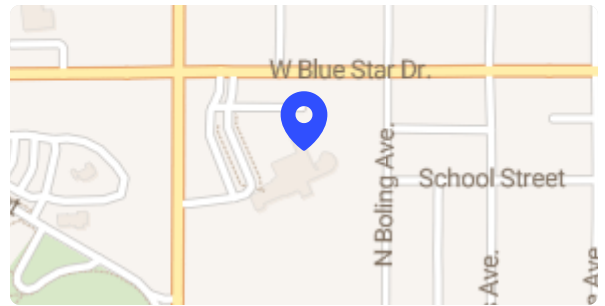
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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, April 27, 2024

 6:00 PM CT

 **Will Rogers Museum**
1720 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore OK 74017





Tribute Wall

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DF

Doris F. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Alana.

April 27 at 11:48 AM



FF

From Your Family Safety Center Family. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Alana.

April 24 at 11:19 AM



FF

From Your Family Safety Center Family. sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Hughes family.

April 24 at 11:19 AM



YI

Youth Philanthropy Initiative planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Alana.

April 22 at 10:30 AM



Anonymous

Anonymous sent a Small Garden Dish to the Hughes family.

April 22 at 10:30 AM



AS

Adam Seaman posted:

Alana was always looking for ways to make the plight of humanity better. She wasn't doing it to bring attention to herself, but to genuinely contribute, especially to young people. Giving young people a chance to succeed was the common thread that ran through her life. Alana was a truth-teller; sincere and always striving for authenticity. She was extraordinarily loyal to those she cared about. She not only held loyalty as a strong value, she truly lived it.

April 22 at 10:20 AM



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HF

Her Friend posted:

Alana was an amazing person. She had a profound impact on my life at a time when I didn't realize I needed it. She will be missed by all those who know her. She was a wonderful mother and Oma. My heart is broken for her and her family.

March 13 at 9:49 AM

RM

Randy Macon posted:

Mentor. Friend. Amazing human with one of the biggest hearts around. I will forever count Alana Hughes among the very best influences in my life.

March 4 at 4:15 AM

CL

Chris Loerke posted:

Alana was such a kind and encouraging person. I am incredibly grateful for her development of the Youth Philanthropy Initiative, which was so important to my growth and formation. Alana was incredibly supportive the times we met and always made me feel valued and heard.

February 27 at 7:21 AM

JG

Jessica Glore posted:

Such a beautiful person, our time was not enough! She will be missed dearly

February 22 at 3:13 AM

ZA

Zara lit a candle in honor of Alana.

Such a beautiful woman inside and out, she is absolutely in paradise now. I remember those seasoned pretzels she used to make were so yummy!! Always incredibly giving and kind hearted.

February 21 at 10:23 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Alana by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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