



Susan Clelland Baggett

June 4, 1952 - April 29, 2026

Susan Clelland Baggett, 73, of Huntsville, Texas, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

Born on June 4, 1952, in Houston, Texas, Susan was the daughter of the late James Lewis Young and Margaret Wayne Young. She was the fourth of five children and grew up surrounded by brothers Jimmy, David, and Michael, and her younger sister Jane.

A Conroe High School graduate (Class of 1970), Susan was among the first women admitted to Texas A&M University, an institution she loved dearly and spoke of with great pride for the rest of her life. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1974 and a Master's degree in Forestry from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1983.

Susan's lifelong love of nature and the outdoors shaped her distinguished career. She began with the USDA Soil Conservation Service (later NRCS) in Waco, later serving Trinity and Walker Counties. After a short time with Louisiana Pacific, she returned to the NRCS as Texas State Forester for one year. She then served as NRCS Assistant State Conservationist in Oklahoma before becoming Texas State Resource Conservationist, a position she held until her retirement in 2013. She dedicated more than three decades to helping countless farmers, ranchers, and landowners care for the land she so deeply loved.

Her passion for the outdoors also wove beautifully into her marriage. On May 2, 1980, Susan married the love of her life, David Baggett. Together they

created cherished memories hiking through Central Texas and hunting in New Mexico. She was also an avid sports fan who loved attending Texas A&M athletic events. An amazing quilter, she created beautiful handmade pieces for family and friends. She cherished playing board games with her grandchildren and, like everyone in her family, she loved to cook and was very good at it — her meals were always a highlight of family gatherings.

Faith was the heartbeat of Susan's life. Raised in the Presbyterian Church, her relationship with Jesus Christ was her greatest treasure and guided every part of her journey. She and David built their marriage and raised their children on a strong foundation of Christian love and principles. Longtime members of First Baptist Church in Huntsville and more recently University Heights Baptist Church, Susan found special joy in A Time to Read and Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). She especially poured her heart into children's ministry at University Heights, where her warmth, energy, and love brought smiles and faith to so many little ones.

Susan is survived by her husband of nearly 46 years, David Baggett; son Chris deMilliano and wife Emily; daughter Jessica Kate Pendleton; grandchildren Abby Pendleton, Amelia deMilliano, Hayes deMilliano, and Jonathan Pendleton; siblings Jimmy, David, Michael, and Jane; and many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 8, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at University Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville, followed by a celebration of life service at 11:00 a.m. Graveside services will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Blackjack Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) in Susan's memory.

Susan's love for Jesus Christ shone brightly through her awe of nature's beauty, her joyful service to children, and most of all, in the deep, unwavering love she gave to her family every single day.

Cemetery Details

Black Jack Cemetery

Black Jack Rd
Huntsville, TX 77340

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 9:30 AM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church
2400 Sycamore Ave
Huntsville, TX 77340

CELBERATION OF LIFE

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church
2400 Sycamore Ave
Huntsville, TX 77340

Graveside Service

MAY 8. 2:30 PM (CT)

Blackjack Cemetery
Black Jack Rd
Huntsville, TX 77340

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Scott and Tracey Hueske purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan Clelland Baggett.



Scott and Tracey Hueske - May 07 at 12:53 PM

VF

“ Vance and Casey Bridges & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Susan Clelland Baggett.



Vance and Casey Bridges & Family - May 07 at 10:58 AM

VF

“ Vance and Casey Bridges & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Clelland Baggett.

Vance and Casey Bridges & Family - May 07 at 10:58 AM

JB

“ Joy of Living Bible study was fortunate to have Susan co-teach Revelation a few years ago. Steadfast, thorough in her studies, she ever desired to impart the truths of scripture to her listeners. She displayed a true love for the art of teaching and I learned a lot from her. Blest here on earth and certainly so blest enjoying the beauty of Heaven, Susan - well done, good and faithful woman.

Jeannie Boyle - May 07 at 09:50 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Clelland Baggett.*



May 06 at 07:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Clelland Baggett.

May 06 at 07:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Clelland Baggett.*



May 06 at 11:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Clelland Baggett.

May 06 at 11:05 AM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Clelland Baggett.

May 05 at 09:50 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susan Clelland Baggett.*



May 05 at 12:26 PM



“ *Susan was always so kind and supportive of me with my career at NRCS. Thoughts and prayers are with all of her family and friends. I know she will be greatly missed. Melissa Blair*

Melissa Blair - May 05 at 10:50 AM



A grove of 5 memorial trees will be planted in her honor on behalf of HHS Class of 1994. We are keeping your family in our prayers.

Mandy Steen - May 05 at 09:52 PM



“ *Mary E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Clelland Baggett.*

Mary E. - May 05 at 10:40 AM

DD

“ Dear Baggett Family -

I am very sorry to learn of Susan's passing. I had the opportunity to work several years with Susan in Oklahoma. Susan will be missed by many. You are in prayer for peace and remembering the good times together.

*M. Darrel Dominick
NRCS (ret.)
Stillwater, OK*

Darrel Dominick - May 04 at 06:08 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Susan Clelland Baggett.*



May 04 at 01:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Susan Clelland Baggett.

May 04 at 01:48 PM

SR

“ Susan was the sweetest, kindest woman I have ever met. She never made a negative comment and always filled the room with her smile and warmth. I volunteered with her on the board of the Senior Center of Walker County/Meals on Wheels and learned first hand about all of the community and church projects she volunteered to be a part of over the years. She was an example to us all. She was also a part of our Bunko group and a fabulous hostess. I loved Susan and will miss her. I'm praying for her precious family.

Susan Retzlaff - May 03 at 02:58 PM

JF

“ INTO Thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend the soul of thy servant, Susan, now departed from the body. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

She was a dear friend whom I was fortunate to work with and respected deeply because of her wisdom, devotion and integrity.

Our deepest sympathy, John & Robbyn Fancher.

John T Fancher - May 03 at 12:22 AM

MM

“ My brother Ray deMilliano was Susan's first husband and she and I stayed friends. We shared the same birthday. She was such a kind and spiritual lady and I respected her for those qualities. She was so supportive for me when Ray died in 2022. I will miss her smile. David, Chris, Jessie and families, my thoughts, prayers, hugs and love are with all of you.

Maryanne de Milliano - May 02 at 03:12 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Huggins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Susan Clelland Baggett.*



Barbara Huggins - May 02 at 12:47 PM

NH

“ *Chris and Emily, I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Baggett. My sincere condolences to the family.*



Nancy Hopper - May 02 at 12:37 PM

MF

“ *Lifting up the family and friends of Susan Baggett for comfort and healing from our Lord Jesus Christ.*



Marvin Hyvl & Family - May 02 at 12:26 PM



“ *David, I am so sorry to hear about Susan. I have great memories from working with Susan on several projects when she was with the NRCS. She was always such a joy to work with and be around, and a true professional. Her passing leaves a hole in our lives.*

Robert Lane - May 02 at 10:31 AM

LD

“ So sorry to hear. We spent nearly our whole careers with the NRCS crossing paths. May you know she had a great life and know she’s at peace. God Bless.

Lisa DeWeese - May 02 at 10:24 AM

BS

“ Beverly Stewart lit a candle in memory of Susan Clelland Baggett



Beverly Stewart - May 02 at 09:53 AM

DJ

“ David, Chris, Jessie & family. What a wonderful Christian lady, wife, mom, and Grammy, who instantly would light up our hearts as she did in the past even with our sons. Josh and Andy has fond memories as Susan helped out with so many children’s church activities and children’s choirs at FBC. When the Jones’s think of Susan we can’t help but smile.
May you all be filled with God’s love!

Donnie, Anita, Josh & Andy Jones - May 02 at 07:28 AM

VH

“ David & family, I was deeply saddened to hear of Susan passing. My sincere condolences to you & family.
Vicki Hogan

Vicki Hogan - May 02 at 07:18 AM

LH

“ We are so sad to hear that Susan passed away. Please know that we are thinking of all of her family and keeping y’all in our prayers.
Tom and Lynda Henry

Lynda Henry - May 02 at 06:40 AM

MJ

“ Martin and Jenn Jones purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Susan Clelland Baggett.



Martin and Jenn Jones - May 01 at 09:14 PM

MJ

“ Martin and Jenn Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Clelland Baggett.

Martin and Jenn Jones - May 01 at 09:14 PM

SW

“ David and family, I’m so very sorry for your loss. Susan was a bright and beautiful example to many, including me, as what a fully dedicated Jesus follower looks like. Her smile lit up rooms and she will be so very missed. I’m praying for your peace, comfort and healing.

Sherri Williamson

Sherri Williamson - May 01 at 08:41 PM

LH

We are so sad to hear that Susan passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. She will be missed by many friends and family.

Tom and Lynda Henry

Lynda Henry - May 01 at 09:47 PM

TF

“ *The Archer Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Susan Clelland Baggett.*



The Archer Family - May 01 at 07:57 PM

TF

“ *The Archer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Clelland Baggett.*

The Archer Family - May 01 at 07:57 PM

TS

“ *We've not known them for long but we already felt blessed to have them as neighbors. Susan had a sweet spirit that shined through. We will miss her. Our thoughts are with her family.*

Tina Sanders - May 01 at 07:35 PM

TM

“ *The McCaffetys purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Susan Clelland Baggett.*



The McCaffetys - May 01 at 07:34 PM

SM

“ Dale Gideon and I are saddened to hear about Susan. We met both she and David just over a year ago when we purchased a beautiful piece of furniture from them. Both of them were so kind and helpful as we arranged delivery. Such a beautiful soul. May you rest in peace and may that peace surround all of her family and friends. Sincerely, Steven Martinez.

Steven Martinez - May 01 at 07:05 PM

SM

“ Very sorry to hear about this. Wonderful Lady who helped me with my ranch when she was with the USDA soil conservation program. Prayers for the family 🙏

Sam Moak - May 01 at 06:00 PM

DT

“ Donna Tucker lit a candle in memory of Susan Clelland Baggett



Donna Tucker - May 01 at 05:47 PM

DT

David and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Susan was an amazing woman and an inspiration to me. I am so glad she was a part of my life this year in BSF. Prayers of comfort and peace to you and your family.

Donna Tucker - May 01 at 05:52 PM



“ *My sweet neighbor who inspired me to be stronger in my faith. Loved your quilting talents. Will miss our visits. David and family in my prayers*



BJ Moreland - May 01 at 05:46 PM



“ *Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Susan Clelland Baggett*



Gayle Kelly - May 01 at 05:31 PM