



Dana Kristine Tapu

January 1, 1963 - March 18, 2025

Dana Kristine (Culbertson) Tapu, 62 of Holden, Missouri, passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Holden Manor Health & Rehabilitation Center in Holden, Missouri. She was born Tuesday January 1, 1963, in Independence, Missouri, to the late Ronald Roy Culbertson and the late Carol Ann Cox.

Dana grew up in the Independence and Blue Springs area and was a graduate of Blue Springs High School. Dana had two sons, Darren and Derrek Culbertson. She married Haveloka Tapu on September 16, 1989.

She first worked in the food industry for Shoney's Restaurant and then later for her brothers at R & D Construction in the office. Dana was a caring and loving soul. She cared for her grandparents, driving four days a week from Independence to Holden. She eventually moved to Holden to care for her parents as well. Dana had an infectious personality, bringing sunshine into any room she entered. She was a very diligent worker and had a strong work ethic. Dana will be missed, but the memories of her bright personality will live on in the hearts of all her friends and family.

Dana was preceded in death by her parents, Ronald Culbertson and Carol Cox and her brother, Donald Culbertson.

Surviving are two sons, Darren and Derrek Culbertson; one brother, Randy Culbertson; and an aunt, Linda Shadden; four grandchildren and two nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 10:30 am at the Holden Manor Health & Rehabilitation Center 2005 S. Lexington St. Holden, Missouri. All are welcome to come.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial contributions be made to the Johnson County Cancer Foundation P.O. Box 169, Warrensburg, MO 64093.

Funeral arrangement entrusted to Campbell-Cast Funeral Home, a Stewart Family Company and online condolences may be made to the family at www.castfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 29. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Holden Manor Health & Rehabilitation
2005 S. Lexington Street
Holden, MO 64040

Tribute Wall

JV

“ Absolutely broken hearted. I had visited with her about 30 minutes 2 weeks before she passed. I have known her her for about 7 years. Her husband was a patient of mine at the KC veterans clinic. I also worked with her at Holden manor. I left Holden Manor in Sept. Since leaving Dana always made a point to text me about every 2 weeks checking on my health. You will be missed my friend. Jerry VanKirk

Jerry VanKirk - March 30, 2025 at 09:51 PM

SJ

“ When it was my first day at the manor I was so lost about everything I knew no one really only a couple of people. But then Dana came right up to me and was the sweetest ever she took the time to get to know every single person who walked through those doors. She would light up the darkest rooms. She knew when someone was having a bad day or a hard time with something and would always jump in to help. She adopted a lot of us as family and loved each and every one of us like we were. It was a big privilege of getting to know someone so kind, caring, loving, and supportive like Dana. She was one of a kind. Thank you for all the love and kindness you brought into my life I will miss you so so much

Sami J - March 29, 2025 at 01:39 AM

CM

“ My earliest memory of Dana is when Carol and Ronnie brought her home from the hospital to the small upstairs apartment in Englewood. She was a beautiful baby girl. When her family moved onto Dickinson Road, I often babysat with her and Randy and Donnie. I was their Aunt Cindy but only 10 years older than Dana. Over the years I tried to keep in contact, especially at holidays. Her sense of humor and upbeat personality made it a joy to be around her. Time flies by but I will always treasure my memories of her and the boys. I send my sincere thoughts and prayers to T., Dana's two sons, and Randy.

Cindy Motley - March 24, 2025 at 12:08 PM

VE

“ Dana was such a wonderful and caring caregiver at the Holden Manor. She treated everyone with such kindness and love. Everyone at the Manor will sure miss her bubbly personality.

Vickie Elkins - March 18, 2025 at 07:46 PM

CG

“ I really enjoyed working with Dana at the manor. She had such a sweet personality and she was always so caring and so helpful. She will be missed by all that knew her. May she rest in peace.

Carrie Gilcrest - March 18, 2025 at 06:24 PM

CC

“ Dana you are going to be missed by so many. You and I go back a long time. When I came into the manor and you said that you worked here I knew right then my momma was in good hands. My mom loved from the moment she met you. Each one of these residents were blessed to have had you be a care giver to them. I thank God that mom and I had you in our life. God has gained a beautiful soul in you my friend. Rest easy 🙏❤️.

Cindy Cruwell - March 18, 2025 at 05:56 PM

GS

“ Dana was a good friend and coworker. I worked with her at Holden Manor and took care of her mom, Carol. She will be missed. Prayers for family.



Geneva Sheets - March 18, 2025 at 05:04 PM