



# Della Dale Baxter Sage

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**D**ella Dale Baxter Sage, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend, and community volunteer, joined her Lord and Savior in Heaven on May 18, 2022.

Dale Sage was born in Mexia, Texas on March 22, 1934 and raised in Longview, Texas by her parents, Jno and Virginia Hatchell Baxter. She was preceded in death by her brother, John Baxter Jr. After graduating from Pine Tree High School, she graduated from North Texas University in 1955 Magna Cum Laude. She was married to the love of her life and best friend, Roger E. Sage Sr., on January 22, 1955. They had four children: Roger Sage Jr. (Carol), Robin Sage, Rosemary Sage Jones (Chip Jones) and Raymond Sage (Richard Roland). She attended the First Baptist Church of Longview all of her life.

Dale was dedicated to community service and was active in the Longview community throughout her life. She taught Speech and Drama at Longview High School. She served in numerous positions, including President, for the Pine Tree PTA and served on the Pine Tree School Board. She was named Pine Tree's Outstanding Alumni in 1993. She enjoyed being a part of the Longview Story League for over 30 years. She also served as the Director of Childhood Education and Director of Special Education for over 35 years at First Baptist Church of Longview. She served on numerous community boards such as the Gregg County Child Welfare Board, Longview Parks and Recreation Board and the Community Partners Board. She was recognized for her volunteer work with CASA, Zonta Club, Sabine Valley MHMR, Meals on Wheels and ARA Living Centers. She was named Good Samaritan of the State of Texas by the Texas Baptist Convention in 2004. Dale was employed and active at the business started by her father and carried on by husband and son, Baxter Sales Co.

Her pride and joy were her grandchildren and great grandchildren: Lyndsey Sage



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Markos (Chris), Cody Sage (Sara Beth), Garrett Sage (Lauren), Austin Jones (Jessica), Macie Jones, Sadie Sage, Colton Sage, Lilah Sage, Lorelei Sage, Henry Jones and Rubi Sage.

A Memorial Service will be held at First Baptist Church, Longview, on June 4, 2022. At 10am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Buckner Baptist Benevolences, The Spinal Bifida Association, or the Hiway 80 Rescue Mission.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com).





# Events

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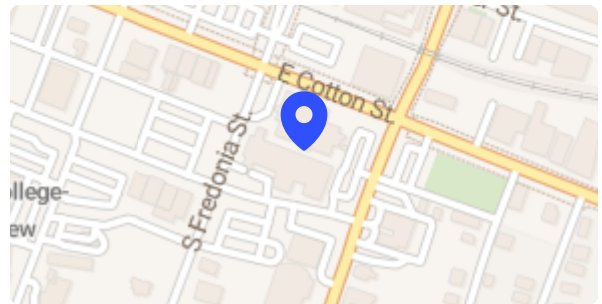
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## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, June 4, 2022


 10:00 AM CT

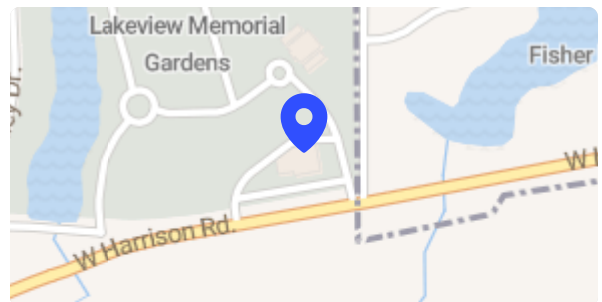
 **First Baptist Church**  
209 E. South St, Longview TX 75601



## Cemetery Details

 **Lakeview Memorial Gardens**  
5000 W Harrison Rd, Longview TX 75604-5230

 **(903) 759-9493**

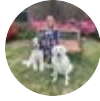




# Tribute Wall

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**Nan Graves** posted:

Dale was one of the sweetest person I knew. I always looked forward to her and Mr. Sage coming into IMA. She was funny and always had something fun to talk about. She will be so missed but what a rejoicing time is going on in heaven. Love you Dale until we meet again. Nan Graves

June 4 at 8:46 AM



**Nell Collins** posted:

Dale and I shared a love for storytelling. Her ability soared, and all her stories meant much to her listeners. She was a friend. We have laughed together over various incidents. She taught my sister, Helen, in high school. They were in a play together one year. Dale was the mother and Helen was the daughter. She excelled in her faithfulness in everything in which she was involved. I will miss her. Nell Collins

May 31 at 6:58 AM



**Margie Land** posted:

Dale has been a special friend for many years. I have known her through Pine Tree School and being on the Child Welfare Board with her. She was a fine Christian lady always doing God's work for others. Margie Land

May 24 at 10:04 AM



**Connie Baxter** lit a candle in honor of Della.



May 24 at 4:02 AM



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May 24 at 4:01 AM



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**Connie Murdock** lit a candle in honor of Della.



May 23 at 12:10 PM



**Natalie Rabicoff** posted:

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the passing of this wonderful friend , wife, Mother, Grandmother And community volunteer. It was a honor to have had her friendship . May all the happy times you each shared with her bring some comfort at this sad time. Thinking of you. ❤️  
NatalieRabicoff

May 23 at 6:58 AM



**Beth Shepperd** posted:

Dale was a great lady and an inspiration to all who knew her.

May 22 at 7:28 PM



**Vicki K Haynes** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Dale. I enjoyed working with her for several years with CASA. She was loved by so many and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We will see her again. Vicki Haynes

May 22 at 1:18 PM



**Amy Hill** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Dale. She was a delight to know. We both collected angels and now she is flying with them in heaven! Longview has lost one of its finest. I am grieving with you. I can't come to the service but sure wish that I could be there to celebrate her life.

May 21 at 10:26 PM



**Melba Baxter** posted:

One of the nicest persons I have ever know. Condolences to her beloved family.Melba Baxter

May 20 at 9:57 AM



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**Ceil Higginbotham** posted:

Mrs. Sage was such a sweet kind woman. Certainly enjoyed working with her and the family for a number of years. Prayers for you all. Ceil and Steve Higginbotham

May 20 at 3:30 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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