



## Jane Carlisle Maxwell

May 28, 1942 - January 3, 2024

Jane Carlisle Maxwell, Ph.D, 5/28/1942-1/3/2024, was the daughter of James Newton Carlisle and Elizabeth Gordon Carlisle. She was a 4th generation Austinite who moved to Salisbury, NC, in 2016 to be near family. A passionate advocate for education, she received her undergraduate and master's from the University of South Carolina and was the second PhD graduate (and first female) of the LBJ School of Public Affairs. She was Research Professor Emeritus at the University of Texas at Austin.

Her field of specialization was tracking trends in alcohol and drug use and the need for substance abuse treatment. She was a Fulbright Senior Specialist and authored over 80 journal articles. Known by her friends and family as "Dr. Dope," she testified before Congress on methamphetamine addiction, and served on numerous federal agency expert panels as well as many international scientific collaborations in Europe, New Zealand, and Australia. She was an early voice against expansion of prescription opioids during FDA drug approval. She was also involved in research understanding AIDS and drug transmission, and a strong friend to the LGTBQ+ community.

She is survived by her son, James Carlisle Maxwell, and his wife Karla Raettig, two grandsons, John Carter Maxwell and Colin DuBreuil Maxwell, her sister, Kay Ash, and her nieces, Cheryl Louise Smith, Deanna Jane Ash Devore, and Melissa Ann Ash Csongei, and their families. She was predeceased by her sister, Ann Carlisle Silber. She was an active member of St. David's in Austin and St. Luke's in Salisbury.

Services at St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin , TX on January 27 at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. David's or the Texas Harm Reduction Alliance.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Maxwell family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. David's Episcopal Church  
301 E 8th St  
Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 610-3500

# Tribute Wall



“ Jane will be deeply missed. I supervised a street outreach team in Austin targeting active IV drug users and Jane would visit often. I loved her stories about visiting other countries and her vast knowledge of what was happening in the US with drug trends. It was an honor to know her and work with her on some of the epidemiology trends a few years ago. This world is a much better place because of the work that Jane did. Prayers and Condolences to the Family

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**Charles Thibodeaux** - January 26, 2024 at 07:12 PM



“ Jane was an amazing person- a great epidemiologist dedicated to her work in substance use and abuse and the understanding of those involved; a great colleague and friend, always willing to listen and share an opinion; and a mentor to many whose path she crossed. Condolences to the family. She will be missed.

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**Heidi A Israel** - January 26, 2024 at 11:40 AM



“ Heidi A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane Carlisle Maxwell.

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**Heidi A.** - January 26, 2024 at 11:32 AM

KA

“ I first met Jane when she visited Brisbane, Australia around 2008/9. She was a wonderful mentor for my early work examining women and drink driving behaviour, and later a collaborator on national grant applications..I am sad to learn of her passing. She will be very missed by her loved ones as well as all those she worked with over the years.

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**Kerry Armstrong** - January 25, 2024 at 02:52 AM

AF

“ Jane was an incredible force of nature. Smart, determined, and kind, she accomplished so much. I admired her deeply and I am so much better for having her in my life.

*Amy Frame*

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**Amy Frame** - January 24, 2024 at 04:12 PM

AF

“ Amy F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane Carlisle Maxwell.

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**Amy F.** - January 24, 2024 at 04:08 PM

GS

“ Condolences to the family. Jane will always be remembered by me from our many meetings in far away places. I especially remember spending several days with her in Brisbane when both of us were in for a research meeting. I only wish I had been able to collaborate with her here in the US. She was a real scientist. Fond memories  
Gordon Smith

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**Gordon S Smith** - January 24, 2024 at 03:57 PM

JH

“ Jim Hall purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jane Carlisle Maxwell.



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**Jim Hall** - January 24, 2024 at 11:53 AM

TB

“ Terry & Kathy Raettig, Erik Raettig & Jenn Boelter purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Jane Carlisle Maxwell.



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**Terry & Kathy Raettig, Erik Raettig & Jenn Boelter** - January 16, 2024 at 02:19 PM

ID

“ My condolences to Jane's family. She was one of the most dedicated persons I had the honor to know who made a major contribution to the academic and epidemiological worlds.  
Ilene Dode 1/15/2024

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**Ilene Dode** - January 15, 2024 at 01:29 PM

TP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jane's passing. I was lucky enough to be her dentist before she moved to the Carolinas. Her wisdom on opioid use was passed to all of my colleagues. Thanks for being so nice to a young dentist back in the early 2000s, Jane. You will be missed.

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**Tait Palmer** - January 12, 2024 at 11:12 PM

CK

“ We have lost a great contributor to the community epidemiology movement who was one of its founders. Her insights and knowledge were always inspiring to us. We will miss her presence and energy.

*Charlie Kaplan*

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**Charles Kaplan** - January 12, 2024 at 09:57 AM

MY

“ I was a young scientist attending a CEWG meeting in San Antonio back in the late 2000s when I first met Jane. She immediately took me under her wing and we had a series wonderful collaborations in the years after. She Came to Canada on numerous occasions to share her great wealth of knowledge, wisdom and her stories with us. Every time was incredibly useful and an absolute delight. I consider Jane to be an important mentor. I was very sad to see this news. She had a huge impact on my career, not to mention the entire field of addiction.

*Matthew M. Young*

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**Matthew M. Young** - January 10, 2024 at 02:30 PM

LM

“ I was her hairstylist and Jane was a client of mine for many years in Austin until she moved to be close to her family. She had so many stories and had a wicked sense of humor as well. When I was raising my young preteen and teenager she always made me aware of what the current street lingo for the trending drugs were so I'd be aware. I'll never forget in her serious voice telling me, "Lara, if your kids talk about "Molly" it's not a girl"!!! I loved Jane and have missed her so much!! She was such an extraordinary woman!!

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**Lara McCoy** - January 09, 2024 at 09:08 PM

BH

“*Carlisle, I remember so fondly sitting with you and your mother on Sundays at St. David's and having her at my wedding in 2010. She was a caring & thoughtful brilliant woman whose spiritual depth was a motivation for us all to trust in our faith even in the face of adversity. I'm just sorry I never got to know your family but I'm sure your mother loved being close to all of you in her final years. Betty Bailey Hoffman*

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**Betty Bailey Hoffman** - January 09, 2024 at 06:01 PM

CF

“*Jane was an accomplished scholar and a dear friend whose contributions to the drug abuse epidemiology community are long-standing and internationally recognized. She was a no-nonsense Texan through and through.*

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**C Falkowski** - January 08, 2024 at 07:27 AM

RK

“*Jane was always a fun addition to our dinner table and managed to give back as good as she got with our crazy family! Was sad to see her leave Austin but she found such peace living close to Kay and the lake. Rita & Bill Keenan*

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**Rita Keenan** - January 07, 2024 at 02:18 PM