



## Marcus Eugene Maggard

September 17, 1971 - January 6, 2022

Marcus Eugene Maggard, 50, of Salem, Missouri passed away Thursday, January 6, 2022 in Columbia, MO.. He was born on September 17th 1971 in St. Louis Missouri to the late George Eugene Maggard and Eleanor Lee (Thomas) Maggard. Marcus grew up in Salem , and graduated Salem High school in 1989. He worked in the family business from the time he could hold a canoe paddle. While in high school, he received his pilot license to fly an airplane. He attended University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg Missouri for 2 years before joining the Army. He was stationed at Ft. Bragg in North Carolina and lived on the flight line, which he thoroughly enjoyed. When he returned home from his service, he came back to the Current River and Akers Ferry and hopped right back into helping people to enjoy the natural wonders of our area. Marcus went back to college studying at Columbia College where he graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in political Science and Criminal Justice in 1999. While working at the Akers Ferry Canoe Rental, Marcus became interested in helping the community. He was a founding member of the Jadwin Volunteer Fire Department and had continued to be an active member. He was member of Meramec Regional Planning Commission as a Director at Large for Tourism. Marcus served on the board for The Missouri Canoe and Floaters Association. He was a board member for America Outdoors. Marcus spent many years as a Salem Marching Blue Band Parent and loved the kids like they were his own. Many band kids would see him and run for hugs from “Daddy Maggard”.

Most people that knew Marcus know that he liked to talk and never met a stranger. It usually did not matter the subject because he loved to read and learn new things. His favorite things to talk about were his family, airplanes, both the Current and Jacks Fork Rivers, band, fighting fires, farm equipment, and pretty much anything else anyone wanted to talk about. He was frequently known as DADSTAR because if you had a vehicle issue, it didn't matter where you were or what was going on, he would be there for the rescue.

Marcus is survived by his wife Cassandra 'Cassie'; children, Joshua Cody Maggard, Tyler Eugene Alan Maggard, Marcus George Alexander Maggard, Brandilyn Thomas Maggard, Skilea Jaidyn Prater; granddaughter, Alyssa Jane; grandsons Kaden Lee and Gavin Wayde of Salem, Aunt Judy (Maggard) Stewart and husband John of Eminence, Missouri, mother in law Jan Prater of Salem and extended family and many, many friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, George Eugene and Eleanor Lee(Thomas) Maggard, uncle Dwight Maggard and Aunt Debbie Maggard of Lebanon, Missouri; father in law Tim Prater.

Visitation will be held for family and friends, Friday January 14, 2022 from 4pm to 8pm at James and Gahr in Salem Missouri.

Funeral services will be Saturday January 15, 2022 at 11am at First Christian Church in Salem Missouri with burial to follow in the Akers Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested for the Akers Cemetery Fund or The Jadwin Volunteer Fire Department.

# Cemetery Details

## Akers Cemetery

Shannon County, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
jgsalemmo@hotmail.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem Christian Church  
Salem, MO 65560

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marcus Eugene Maggard*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Marcus Eugene Maggard*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marcus Eugene Maggard.*



January 14, 2022 at 08:54 AM



“ *I enjoyed talking to Marcus.. he alway was positive.. we talked about the army the old days in the trans am...good times. Miss ya buddy...*

**Brian Twitchel** - January 12, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ *Billy And Angie King lit a candle in memory of Marcus Eugene Maggard*



**billy and angie king** - January 12, 2022 at 07:46 PM

MA

“ Mandy lit a candle in memory of Marcus Eugene Maggard



Mandy - January 12, 2022 at 06:16 PM

SF

“ Saw Marcus at a MOARC meeting in November and had a really nice chat with both he and Gene, as always. Deeply saddened by their passing. On behalf of the Missouri Division of Tourism, please accept our condolences.

Stephen Foutes - January 12, 2022 at 09:39 AM

RL

“ Ron And Beth Light lit a candle in memory of Marcus Eugene Maggard



Ron and Beth Light - January 12, 2022 at 12:24 AM

RL

“ Rick & Debbie Land lit a candle in memory of Marcus Eugene Maggard



Rick & Debbie Land - January 10, 2022 at 06:34 PM

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*So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers*

**Ron and Beth Light** - January 12, 2022 at 12:25 AM