



## Deborah L James

April 19, 1959 - November 11, 2015

Deborah Lynn (Hickman) James, age 56 of Upper Sandusky, Ohio passed from this life at 1:23 a.m. on Wed. November 11, 2015 at Bridge Hospice Center in Findlay. She was born in Princeton, WV on April 19, 1959 to the late Junior Harless Hickman and Amelia Faye (French) Hickman. A son, Jordan Blake James, also preceded her in death.

Deborah earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Concord University in Athen, WV and a Master of English from Marshall University in Huntington, WV. Upon moving to Upper Sandusky, she was employed by the University of Findlay as a professor serving on the English faculty with the College of Liberal Arts. Her main discipline was teaching writing and rhetoric. She loved teaching and helping all her students to reach their full potential. It was a joy in her life, so much so, that she taught classes sponsored by the University in programs at Lima Correctional Institution and the Allen County Correctional Institution. Deborah felt like she was defined by music, loved animals, loved literature, shared her ability to write beautiful prose, and always displayed a quick wit and wonderful humor with her family and friends.

Deborah is survived by her husband, Peter Jenkins; her beloved daughter, Brett James; her grandchildren Colton and Emma, all of Tiffin; one sister, Susan Hickman of Princeton, WV, one brother, Jerry (Debra) Hickman of Bluefield, VA; a nephew, Josh (Jessica) Hickman and family of Canonsburg,

PA; 2 paternal aunts and a host of cousins.

A funeral services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at BRINGMAN CLARK Funeral Home in Upper Sandusky with Dr. Dale Brougher, Professor of Religion at The University of Findlay officiating. Burial will be in Old Mission Cemetery immediately following. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 13, 2015 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations can be made to the Angeline School of Opportunity, in memory of her beloved son, Jordan or to the Wyandot County Humane Society in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home 226 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. Online condolences, as well as fond memories, may be shared with Deborah's family by visiting [www.BringmanClark.com](http://www.BringmanClark.com).

The family would like to extend special thanks to the oncology nurses at Wyandot Memorial Hospital and the doctors, nurses and staff of the Bridge Hospice Care Center of Findlay for their care and compassion shown to our loved one.

# Cemetery Details

## Old Mission Cemetery\*

on East Church St., about 500 feet east of SR  
53 and 67, on north side of town  
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bringman-Clark Funeral Home  
226 E. Wyandot Avenue  
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351  
(419) 294-2328  
bringmanclarkshields@gmail.com  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bringman - Clark & Co Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Deborah L James*



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**Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes** - November 13, 2015 at 01:21 PM

AP

“ *Ana De La Piedra lit a candle in memory of Deborah L James*



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**Ana de la Piedra** - November 22, 2015 at 05:22 AM

AP

*My last name is "de la Piedra".*

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**Ana de la Piedra** - November 22, 2015 at 05:23 AM

Pete  
Jenkins

“ *"You know, everybody dies. My parents died. Your father died. Everybody dies. I'm going to die too. So will you. The thing is, to have a life before we die. It can be a real adventure having a life"*

*John Irving, The World According to Garp*



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**Pete Jenkins** - November 19, 2015 at 08:45 PM

AP

“ *Debbie, I know where you are. You were such fun to hang with, and you were so funny! You were one of the funniest people I ever knew. Never will I forget the times we had when we ran together in 1978, both of us laughing all the way.*

*While you are surrounded by your dearly departed and the treasures of Heaven Jesus will have His loving arms around you eternally. May you live on in the perfect dimension with God and His love and all the animals you can possibly find!*

*Love,*

*Your friend,*

*Ana de la Piedra*

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**Ana de la Piedra** - November 17, 2015 at 04:23 PM

DH

“ *Debbie was my best friend in high school. Funny thing, we lost touch, but she has been on my mind for several months. I have tried to find her, but didn't know her last name or where she had moved. I am shocked and saddened at her passing and I have missed the opportunity to catch up on old times. Lesson learned-when you feel someone tugging at your heart, don't wait. do your best to find them and let them know you love them. May the angels be with you Deb. I will never forget you.-Debra Lynn Hunter*

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**Debra Lynn Hunter** - November 17, 2015 at 11:31 AM

SC

“ *Shaun Sutton Cockerham lit a candle in memory of Deborah L James*



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**Shaun Sutton Cockerham** - November 14, 2015 at 07:36 AM

KB

“ *Deb was a very loving person with a wonderful smile ... I still miss her stopping by to chat between classes during her time at UF. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. May your fond memories of her bring you comfort.*

*Kathy Bradford*

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**Kathy Bradford** - November 13, 2015 at 07:45 PM



“ 26 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes** - November 13, 2015 at 12:21 PM



“ *Karen James lit a candle in memory of Deborah L James*



**karen james** - November 13, 2015 at 10:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah L James.*



November 12, 2015 at 08:15 PM

DW

“ *Doll Whitman lit a candle in memory of Deborah L James*



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**Doll Whitman** - November 12, 2015 at 07:42 PM

BS

“ *May the sympathy of those who care for you and the precious memory of Deb help to comfort you at this time. I am so sorry I can't be there, unfortunately I will be out-of-state for the next four days. Deb was a good friend and a good teacher. I truly enjoyed working with her at The University of Findlay. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

*Bonnie Sims*

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**Bonnie Sims** - November 12, 2015 at 01:44 PM

LK

“ *Love Billy, Chrys, Bailey, and Kylie purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Deborah L James.*



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**Love Billy, Chrys, Bailey, and Kylie** - November 12, 2015 at 09:25 AM

TO

“ *Such an amazing, wity, wonderful woman. I will miss you. Love you.*

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**Trenna Orians** - November 12, 2015 at 08:04 AM

JJ

“ Jonathan Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Deborah L James



jonathan jenkins - November 12, 2015 at 08:00 AM

SO

“ My deepest condolences! Deb was an amazing teacher and a wonderful friend !



Sommer - November 12, 2015 at 07:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deborah L James.



November 11, 2015 at 05:24 PM