

James A. Penwell

September 18, 1948 - December 24, 2025

James A. Penwell 81, of Ohio passed away peacefully on December 24, 2025, leaving behind a lifetime of memories, laughter and love that will continue to live on in all who knew him. He was born on September 18, 1944 in Bainbridge, OH, a place that shaped the values he carried with him throughout his life.

James was preceded in death by his parents Alexander Penwell and Evelyn (Leeth) Penwell, brothers; Butch (Gary) Knicely, Mike Penwell and his beloved son Jamie Penwell. Though loss touched his life deeply, James carried on a quiet strength and a heart that never stopped loving.

He is survived by his children; Scott Penwell (Ashley) of Lima, OH, Angel Tackett (Scott) of Hendersonville, TN and Thomas J. Penwell of Upper Sandusky, OH; as well as his sisters, Sue Taylor (Clyde) and Connie Milligan both of Upper Sandusky, OH. He was the proud grandfather of nineteen grandchildren and a “mess” of great grandchildren, each one dearly loved with the truest definition of the world. His pride in his family was evident in every story told, every smile shared, and every moment spent together.

A proud United States Navy Veteran, James served his country with honor, carrying that same sense of duty and integrity into civilian life. He never met a stranger-only friends he hadn't talked to yet. Whether in a store aisle, at a flea

market, or on a quiet front porch, James had a way of making people feel known, welcome, and at ease.

When he wasn't found on a creek bank patiently waiting to hook that monster, James was on the hunt for the next antique that was "going to be worth something someday."

Those treasures-like his stories- were priceless not for their value, but for the memories attached to them. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten. His legacy lives on in the laughter of his grandchildren, the stories passed down and the countless lives he touched simply by being himself. The world is a little quieter without him-but infinitely richer because he was here.

A gathering of family and friends to celebrate James's life will be held on Tuesday December 30, 2025, from 6-8pm at Bringman Clark Funeral Home. A private memorial burial will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home 226 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

DEC **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



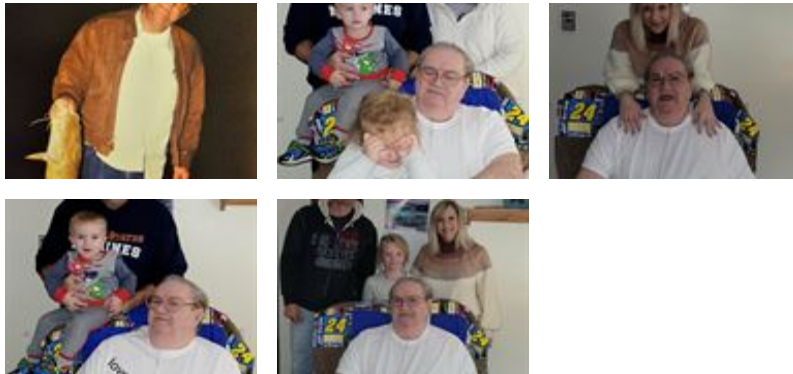
“ *Bringman - Clark & Co Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James A. Penwell*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - December 29, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ *77 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - December 29, 2025 at 05:15 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James A. Penwell.*



December 28, 2025 at 09:55 AM

BB

“ *Bob and Donna Bender planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James A. Penwell.*

Bob and Donna Bender - December 28, 2025 at 09:55 AM

TD

“ *You have my sympathy. ❤️*

Trisha DeAmicis - December 28, 2025 at 07:48 AM

BS

“ *Brian Stansbery lit a candle in memory of James A. Penwell*



Brian Stansbery - December 27, 2025 at 07:45 PM

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A cousin that spent many days with us during his lifetime. We, the Shoemaker girls (Marilyn, Rachael and Peggy)send our memories and love to his family.

Shoemaker Familyfrom Bainbridge Ohio. - December 28, 2025 at 08:50 AM