



## Jeffrey James

August 31, 1964 - February 2, 2015

Jeffrey James, 50, of Hot Springs passed away Monday February 2, 2015. He was born August 31, 1964 to Mabel Carter James and Fabern Carl James in Hot Springs.

Jeff was a Sigma Nu at the University of Arkansas where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Biology. He became a Science Teacher, teaching at Fountain Lake School, and earned a master's degree in education. He was of the Methodist faith. He was predeceased by his mother, Mabel James.

Jeff loved his students, his friends, his family and his dog, Jesse James.


Survivors include his father, Fabern C. James & his stepmother, Theda James; one sister, Jann James Gibson; one niece, Rainey Gibson and one nephew, Caleb James Gibson.

Visitation will be at 9:00 AM Thursday with services to follow at 10:00 AM at Hot Springs Funeral Home with Reverend David Wilson officiating. Burial will be at 3:00 PM Thursday at Crestlawn Memorial Park in Conway.

Pallbearers are Mark Mackey, Carl Spring, Roger Jones, Jay Lloyd, Scott Jones and Caleb Gibson.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

# Tribute Wall

  
Brandon  
Turnbull

“ *Mr James was not only a teacher but a friend so a lot of students like myself. No teacher that I will ever have, will have an impact on my life like he had. For those who had his class, he was a true blessing to students. I gave him my contact information if he ever needed me, I sure do wish that I could've talked to him and hung out with him one last time. God and Jesus needed his expertise, so they called him home. You will forever be missed. We all love you Mr. James! Thanks for everything you did for us!*



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**Brandon Turnbull** - October 27, 2015 at 07:29 PM

RW

“ *Mr James was the best. I really can't believe he is gone. It feels like I just saw him not long ago. We shared general interests in outdoor adventures and boxing, he was a big boxing fan. I could talk to him about anything, he was different than most teachers. Most teachers, you have a teacher student relationship, nothing more. But with Mr James, you could talk about anything, he could help you with anything, and you would never be afraid to talk to him. Rest in peace JJ*

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**Russell Wade** - June 01, 2015 at 07:31 PM

JM

“ *I only knew Jeff for a short time, but will have fond memories of him always. He was so tender-hearted and gave me many smiles and laughs. Godspeed, Jeff.*



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**Julie Mullings** - February 08, 2015 at 08:53 PM

TB

“ Terri Wilson Brady lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James



Terri Wilson Brady - February 07, 2015 at 09:38 AM

EB

“ I meet Jeff while he lived in Bella Vista. Becoming friends with him was one of the easiest things I have ever done, you couldn't help but like him. I have laughed with Jeff, worried with him, had fun with him and will forever miss him. Go live high on that Mountain my friend.

Ed Bayles - February 07, 2015 at 09:37 AM

LO

“ Lindy O'Bryant lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James



Lindy O'Bryant - February 06, 2015 at 08:51 PM

 Lori Maxwell

“ Lori Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James



Lori Maxwell - February 06, 2015 at 06:38 AM

Haley  
Langston

“*Mr. James, as I knew him, was by far the greatest man and kindest teacher I have ever met and possibly ever will meet. He never failed to put a smile on my face every time I entered his classroom. At the beginning of the two years he taught me, I was very sullen and shy in school and also was super depressed. But that soon changed as he took the roll of letting me vent to him any time I needed. I still remember him stretching the rules for me and any other kids in his class that suffered from bad anxiety, such as "if you're too scared to present your project in front of the whole class, how about you present during lunch so there isn't all those faces looking at you?" He touched hundreds, maybe thousands of students' lives through teaching at my school and I will never forget him being a father figure to me, even the only real friend I had, during some of the roughest points in my life. He is greatly missed but it's comforting knowing that his physical hindrances cannot hurt him anymore. Jeff told jokes while teaching, and would often smile. He'd tell us stories of his life, such as his travels through Europe, camping stories, kayaking stories, all sorts of sweet things he'd done. While being a very lenient and forgiving teacher, he also taught me about not only science, but love, respect and honor as well. My condolences to his family, friends, and all of the students who loved him. He is always going to be my favorite guy. One day, I hope to grow up and enrich as many lives as this man did. I aspire to grow up and be half as amazing as him (because nobody can ever be as great as he was).*

Haley Langston - February 05, 2015 at 09:41 PM

LF

“*Laura Fish-winston lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



laura fish-winston - February 05, 2015 at 07:17 PM

LR

“ *Liz Littlejohn Raney lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



Liz Littlejohn Raney - February 05, 2015 at 05:27 PM

SB

“ *Mr. James was a sweet man. I loved having him as a teacher. He will be truly missed. R.I.P*

Star blanton - February 05, 2015 at 04:59 PM



“ *He was always there for me to pick me up... He helped me through the hardest things I had to endure and he was the sweetest man.. He was like my second dad and he will be dearly missed. Love you Jeffy ❤️ I'll come visit you soon.*

Brittany Fore - February 05, 2015 at 04:36 PM

AR

“ *Adelia Ranson Redalen lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



Adelia Ranson Redalen - February 05, 2015 at 01:25 PM

DI

“ *He was the best science teacher ever he made it fun to learn r.i.p and prayers to him and his family*

dillon - February 05, 2015 at 12:54 PM

CD

“ *Cindy Boley Dina lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Cindy Boley Dina** - February 05, 2015 at 11:50 AM

KH

“ *Jeff was my best friend in high school. We had so many good times together, and they continued into college and beyond. He was always smiling and lighthearted, and in that way he was so easy to be around. He just wanted to have fun. And that we did. He always saw the humorous side when things didn't go according to plan. Positive vibes. Good attributes.*

*Jeff and I shared a passion for the outdoors, and river running in particular. We floated/swam many rivers together, with lots of good times around the campfire swapping lies. He was a good buddy. After the very recent death of our other good high school friend, Greg Goodwin, Jeff and I were texting about how our high school days were so special because we were so carefree, without the responsibilities and stress/anxiety the sometimes accompanies adulthood. I mentioned that I wished we could do it all over again. His response: "Sign me up!". He said that he was still attempting to duplicate those simple days. I think he was doing a pretty good job. I didn't know Jeff as a science teacher, but I can tell by the posts of his students and their parents that his easy ways left their mark on a lot of them. That doesn't surprise me. Sometimes just the way you carry yourself can have more of an impact than the actual teaching. I'm sorry that I could not make it to Arkansas for the funeral today, but I will always have the memories of Jeff's spirit in my heart. I hope that he is finally back in his mother's arms. Love you bro.*  
*Kevin*

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**Kevin Harris** - February 05, 2015 at 11:27 AM

TA

“ *Tracy De Armon lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



Tracy De Armon - February 05, 2015 at 11:10 AM



“ *Mr. James was beyond a great teacher. He made learning science fun and my daughter Kaitlyn was very fond of him. He will be truly missed. We love you Jeff, look in on us from time to time. God bless you and your family.*

Diana Cox - February 05, 2015 at 10:56 AM

AS

“ *Angie Sharp lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



Angie Sharp - February 05, 2015 at 10:48 AM

GM

“ *Mr. James was such a blessing to everyone. He was such a happy person and always put a smile on my face. His class was the only reason I would come to school. I loved to come in his classroom every day and him tell us stories of his crazy adventures. I will miss him so much. My heart goes out to his family. Heaven gained a wonderful angel. He will be greatly missed.*

Georgia Miller - February 05, 2015 at 10:35 AM



“ *Everyone has had a teacher that defined their school years. A teacher that you never forget. Mr. James is that teacher for my daughter and countless others. His love of teaching, his students, and life was inspiring. He taught more than just science to our children he taught a passion for life.*

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**Robyn Jones Salter** - February 05, 2015 at 10:25 AM

KC

“ *This yellow candle represents all the joy and happiness that Mr. Jeffrey James has brought into so many lives. I am so blessed and thankful for having Mr. James as a teacher but he wasn't just a teacher he was also my best friend and was like a second father to me. My condolences go out to his family and his friends for the loss of such a great man he will be missed but never forgotten in our hearts and our memories. Thank you for everything Mr. James I love you buddy. May you rest in peace my friend.*



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**kaitlyn cox** - February 05, 2015 at 10:17 AM

ND

“ *Jeff and my son Tom Bright were very good friends at Lakeside High School. My daughter, Christie Bright Glover, and I have very fond memories of he & Tom. Tom died in Aug. 1987 in a auto accident. Please accept my condolences. Sincerely, Nancy Bright Duncan*

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**Nancy Bright Duncan** - February 05, 2015 at 10:14 AM



“ So sad to hear that Mr. James passed away. He was my science teacher in 8th grade during 2012-2013. He will be missed. I actually saw him in October.. I cannot believe that he is gone now. Prayers and Condolences for his family, friends, former students, and anyone else who had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be missed by Fountain Lake. God Bless.

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**Chris Stillian** - February 05, 2015 at 10:13 AM

DJ

“ Jeff left quite an impression on the world for the relatively short time he was here. What a contribution he made to building the Jones family cabin! I don't think I'll ever look at the fireplace rock work without thinking of Jeff. He always had a smile on his face, and was willing to help out if needed. What a jack of all trades - and really a master of quite a few. And he loved to play - time with friends and family, music, boating, biking, hiking, etc. He was a lover of life and of people. His family have been in my thoughts and prayers. We plan on having a tribute at the cabin in his memory. I'm going to throw a disc from the pedestal in his memory. Lord have mercy.

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**Doug Jones** - February 05, 2015 at 09:20 AM

CK

Jeff and I became great friends while he was living in Little Rock several years ago. We enjoyed many adventures together including camping and kayaking. He introduced me to the beautiful Richland creek and to the beginning stages of the Jones family cabin! After losing touch for a few years we were in touch and realized that we both had a passion for teaching and had become teachers. He was an amazing person and will be missed. Sending my love to all of his friends and family, the world has lost a very special soul.

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**Courtney Pierce Kelly** - February 05, 2015 at 01:11 PM

MB

“ *Mandy Buck lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Mandy Buck** - February 05, 2015 at 08:59 AM

EB

“ *Eric Beckham lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Eric Beckham** - February 05, 2015 at 08:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey James.*



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February 05, 2015 at 08:50 AM



“ *Mr. James was the worlds greatest teacher and friend he was there for rough patch in my life, he taught me all kinds of great stuff especially how to ply the guitar. He told amazing stories of his past and he loved to talk about his family, he loved them so much. He always talked about his dad and want to thank his dad for raising such a great person that impacted so many peoples hart. Thank you Mr.James for everything.*

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**Draven Daniels** - February 05, 2015 at 08:26 AM

TD

“ *Terri Donathan-Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Terri Donathan-Rhodes** - February 05, 2015 at 07:33 AM

RW

“ *Mr. James was one of my daughters' favorite teachers. He taught them more than what is in a science book. He taught them about adventures outdoors, love of nature, kayaking, canoeing, ski diving, friendship with adults, trust with a teacher, and so much more.*



*This is what Brittany posted on her Facebook page. "RIP to the man who was the greatest science teacher around! Thank you for telling us about your kayaking stories, helping us when we were struggling, letting us eave drop in your relationships, having us watch an eagle be born for over a week, taking us outside on beautiful days to play games, and being so loving and caring for us all. Mr. Jeff James, you are amazing and will truly be missed."*

*Bridget and her friends would stop by his class daily and say hi, his students loved him.*

*Thank you for being an awesome teacher and a good loving, careing, adult friend to the students.*

*Renee Witham*

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**Renee Witham** - February 05, 2015 at 06:21 AM

KV

“ You will be missed.



Karen Vice - February 05, 2015 at 04:39 AM

PQ

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. It is our prayer that God will give you peace and comfort during this difficult time I enjoyed having Jeff in class at lakeside and was proud to hear that he was teaching. I'm sure he did an excellent job. God Bless! Paul and Linda Quattlebaum

Paul Quattlebaum - February 05, 2015 at 12:55 AM



“ Me and my best friend were the quietest ones in a class of noisy kids and they pushed him to giving us homework. A few minutes later he came over to me and my friend and said "you two don't have to do it. Y'all are always good." That happened several times. He was the best teacher ever, made class fun and interesting.

Courtney Wetherington-Speers - February 05, 2015 at 12:44 AM

JW

“ John Ward lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James



John Ward - February 04, 2015 at 11:16 PM

TP

“ Jann...so many fond memories of your family!! I am so very sorry for the loss of your brother and my prayers go out to you and your family. I will continue to lift your family in the days to come...love you all, always!

*Tracie Parker*

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**Tracie Parker** - February 04, 2015 at 11:13 PM



“ Tim Kepler lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James



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**Tim Kepler** - February 04, 2015 at 11:07 PM

SS

“ A sunshine-yellow candle for a young man who brought so much sunshine into the lives of his students and co-workers. He will be missed.

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**Sandi Stewart** - February 04, 2015 at 10:41 PM

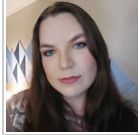
SS

“ Sandi Stewart lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James



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**Sandi Stewart** - February 04, 2015 at 10:37 PM



“ Haley Collier lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James



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Haley Collier - February 04, 2015 at 10:36 PM

TO

“ Jeff was such a part of my husband's family for so long. They called him the "6th Jones Brother." He was so instrumental in helping build our family cabin.

*During that time, we would listen to his music, with bro-in-law Roger, and have long talks about the meaning of the universe. Jeff would get a mat and sleep outside, even in the cold of winter. He loved to look at the stars.*

*I know how happy he was teaching and how much he loved his "kids."*

*Just a sweet, sweet soul.*

*He will be sorely missed in our family.*

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toniapeoplesjones - February 04, 2015 at 10:30 PM

SE

“ Sarah East lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James



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Sarah East - February 04, 2015 at 10:27 PM

KR

“ *Karen Randall lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Karen Randall** - February 04, 2015 at 10:12 PM

RN

“ *Raven Nelson lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Raven Nelson** - February 04, 2015 at 10:10 PM

SW

“ *Sarah Walker lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Sarah Walker** - February 04, 2015 at 10:03 PM

JV

“ *Such a wonderful man & teacher. Both my girls absolutely loved Mr. James  
Praying for his family during this difficult time  
& all the days ahead. He will be truly missed.*



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**jennifer vaughn** - February 04, 2015 at 09:56 PM

MA

“ *Makena lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Makena** - February 04, 2015 at 09:51 PM

AN

“ *Amber Nichols lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Amber Nichols** - February 04, 2015 at 09:51 PM

CS

“ *Mr. James was my 8th grade science teacher in 2012-2013. He was a great guy! He cared for his students, and was really cool! He will certainly be missed by Fountain Lake. I actually saw him back in October... Can't believe he's gone now. :( Praying for his family. Rest in Peace, Mr. James. You will be missed.*



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**Chris Stillian** - February 04, 2015 at 09:35 PM



“ Forever and a day it has been since I have seen Jeff, in all, well over 30 years. So many fond memories I have of hanging out with Lance and Jeff. Poor guys, I being Lance's little pesky tag-along brother. The summer JAWS was released I think we must have seen it 3 or 4 times. All smiles when recalling Jeff tell the story of the time he rode on the back of Lance's 175 Yamaha all the way to Carlisle and back. It saddens me to hear he has passed, he will be missed. So sorry for your loss. I will remember your family in my prayers.

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**Brian Shockley** - February 04, 2015 at 09:14 PM



“ One of my favorite teachers. He will be missed dearly.

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**Elizabeth McDonald-McCaughan** - February 04, 2015 at 08:53 PM



“ Haley Riggs lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James



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**Haley Riggs** - February 04, 2015 at 08:44 PM



“ Mr. James was not only an awesome teacher, but a great friend. I miss him very much and will forever remember him through the memories I hold, and the science I love. Rest in peace Mr. James. May The Lord light your path.

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**Haley Riggs** - February 04, 2015 at 08:44 PM

KR

“ Mr. James meant the world to my daughter. He was her teacher , but he took a genuine interest in her as a person. She knew he cared for her. Not too many teachers take the time to make each one of their students feel special....but Mr.James did. Thank you for making such an impact on my daughter's young life. Rest in peace sir.

Kristy Riggs - February 04, 2015 at 08:34 PM

RR

“ Seeing him in the mornings and always being so happy and full of energy 😊



Rocio Rico - February 04, 2015 at 08:31 PM

MC

“ He was more than a teacher. He was a great friend. He will forever live on in my memory.



Madison Childress - February 04, 2015 at 08:29 PM

MS

“ Matthew Sledd lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James



Matthew Sledd - February 04, 2015 at 08:18 PM

TA

“ *Tiki Enz Alvarez lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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tiki enz alvarez - February 04, 2015 at 08:17 PM

TA

“ *I remember growing up with Jann and Jeff. My sister Bobby Sue Enz was really good friends with \*Jann*

*Prayers for the family*

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tiki enz alvarez - February 04, 2015 at 08:16 PM

KF

“ *I don't remember learning much in your class other than how much fun science could be, and finding a love for your stories and passions. I do however, remember learning specifically about chemistry, subscripts and superscript. You had a lot of slide shows, and I took more notes than I had ever before in high school. I learned that transitions don't have to be so hard, as the class of '14 went from one side of campus to another, and you made it easy and fun when we arrived at the new (hospital looking) building. You certainly made a big impact on my life and many, many others. Have fun white water rafting in heaven Mr. James. You deserve it. ❤️*



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Katie Flocken - February 04, 2015 at 07:51 PM

EM

“ *Ellen Breckenridge Meadows lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



Ellen Breckenridge Meadows - February 04, 2015 at 07:50 PM

MP

“ *Mollie & Caleb Parker lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



Mollie & Caleb Parker - February 04, 2015 at 07:48 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Childs lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



Kathy Childs - February 04, 2015 at 07:47 PM

KH

“ *He was a great kind and very outgoing teacher. He was loved by a lot of students including my sister Taylor she loved Mr James!! Sending my thoughts and prayers to all!!*



kelli holland - February 04, 2015 at 07:46 PM

SC

“ Susie Cissell lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James



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**susie cissell** - February 04, 2015 at 07:30 PM

KR

“ Jeff was my colleague and friend. We spent a lot of time together discussing our students, our lessons, and our lives. We became really close and shared a lot of good memories. I will miss him dearly. Rest in peace, Jeff.

*Kim Richard*

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**Kim Richard** - February 04, 2015 at 07:24 PM

DH

“ Debbie Holmes lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James



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**Debbie Holmes** - February 04, 2015 at 07:21 PM



“ Share a memory of Jeffrey James or send condolences to the family.



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**Justin Graves** - February 04, 2015 at 07:19 PM



“ *Tammy Vanhouten lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Tammy Vanhouten** - February 04, 2015 at 07:17 PM



“ *Jeff loved and cared for his students. I feel blessed to have had him as a friend*



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**kim neal** - February 04, 2015 at 07:11 PM



“ *Jeff was my first college boyfriend.. His eyes were amazing and his sweet smile. We dated for 2 years on and off. I got the chance to reconnect with him after my divorce. The way he played the Guitar and smile i will never forget. My prayers are with his family and my heart is saddened for the loss of a great guy.. Rest in peace Jeff.. Love susie*

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**susie cissell** - February 04, 2015 at 07:06 PM



“ *Carlee Darnell lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Carlee Darnell** - February 04, 2015 at 06:59 PM

MD

“ *Mike Davis lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Mike Davis** - February 04, 2015 at 06:49 PM

TC

“ *Traci Hodges Chavez lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Traci Hodges Chavez** - February 04, 2015 at 06:40 PM

BR

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**Bianca Rector** - February 04, 2015 at 06:23 PM

TA

“ *I always remember the stories my kids would come home and tell me that he had shared with them. Both of my children had the privilege of being taught by him. Thank you for making their day a little brighter.*

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**tanyaroberts** - February 04, 2015 at 06:15 PM

TA

“ *Tanyaroberts lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



**tanyaroberts** - February 04, 2015 at 06:12 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Edgar Klebanoff lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



**Brenda Edgar Klebanoff** - February 04, 2015 at 06:03 PM

AM

“ *Ashley Martin lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



**Ashley Martin** - February 04, 2015 at 05:45 PM

SN

“ *He was the best teacher I could ever ask for. I'll probably never have a teacher as down to earth and caring as he was. I remember him believing in me when I didn't even believe in myself. He helped me and a lot of students through troubles that weren't even mentioned just by being himself. Mr. James will always be my favorite teacher.*

**Sunny Nickels** - February 04, 2015 at 05:45 PM

PM

“ I had the privilege of being a colleague of Mr. James for four years. I remember how fondly the students spoke of him, and his kindness toward all who came in contact with him. He was truly an inspirational educator, and he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

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**Peter Maggio** - February 04, 2015 at 05:43 PM

BR

“ Breanna lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James



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**Breanna** - February 04, 2015 at 05:21 PM

MD

“ You were the best dang teacher any student could ask for. You cared about us all. Helped us with our problems, whether they were school related, home related, relationships, or anything. You were more like our friend. The best kind of teacher out there. You always would let me slip out of trouble and tell me "I'll let it go this time, just since I'm friends with your dad". That always made me laugh. You were loved by so many people. I realized today how many students loved you so much. Every class room I would walk in to with the poster I made for all the kids to sign, as soon as I walked in, every single student would shoot up and run to the poster to sign it. You'll be missed by so many. We'll see you again one day. Fly high, and float some knarly clouds in Heaven in your kayak. See ya again one day. Love Ya man.

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**Michael Davis** - February 04, 2015 at 05:13 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Humphreys lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Kathy Humphreys** - February 04, 2015 at 05:04 PM

AF

“ *" I miss Mr. James. He made me laugh even when I was sad. When I heard the news that he had died I was so sad because I didn't even get to say goodbye. RIP Mr. James. We all miss you so much.*

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**andrew fletcher** - February 04, 2015 at 04:50 PM

 Angela  
Angie  
Taylor

“ *Jeff, I will never forget you! I am so thankful that I have spent time with you in the last few years and know that you have touched so many young children's lives through your teaching. You were a great "laid back" kinda guy that was a man's man! Thanks for the years of friendship and may you rest in peace. Jann and family...so sorry for your loss. I, unfortunately, will not be there tomorrow, but know that I will be there in heart and spirit. Much love!*

*Angie Weidman Taylor*

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**Angela Angie Taylor** - February 04, 2015 at 04:49 PM

VE

“ *Veronica lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey James*



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**Veronica** - February 04, 2015 at 04:44 PM

TA

“ Sending my prayers to the family. RIP Jeff.

*Tammy Felts Berkey*

Tammy - February 04, 2015 at 04:29 PM

DB

“ Mr. James was my favorite teacher ever, He helped me so much in my 8th grade years we all love and miss you Mr. James! R.I.P rest in paradise!

destiny berg - February 04, 2015 at 04:11 PM

BR

“ Mr. James was my 8th grade science teacher, but he was also my best friend. I loved him dearly. He was there when I needed him. I still can't believe he's gone. Rest in peace. I'll never forget you.



Bianca Rector - February 04, 2015 at 03:36 PM

AB

“ Jeff was a good guy. The kids loved him because they knew he cared about them. He always had a kind word and smile for you. He will be missed. I will be praying for the family. Ann Bassett

Ann Bassett - February 04, 2015 at 02:38 PM

BN

“ As I think of Jeff, I think of my peer, my confidant, but most importantly my friend. I do not know many young people who have pursued teaching assignments that were as excited about entering the field as Jeff. I remember his first day of in-service at FL....he was so excited for he was headed to LR to pick up classroom supplies! He was ready to become a teacher! And as we all know, his first day with "his" students was postponed for a short time; but when it did finally arrive he was ready, so excited! His influence on his students was obvious- not only through the academics but by exposing them to an environment of love and respect. My thoughts are with you.

Barbara Niven  
retired teacher

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Barbara Niven - February 04, 2015 at 02:11 PM

NH

“ I taught social studies next to Jeff for three years in 8th grade. The students loved him so much because he cared so much for them. He was a very good science teacher with his strong background in the med field and biology. He will be very missed in this world. -Nancy Hull

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nancy hull - February 04, 2015 at 01:17 PM

YF

“ Yellville-Summit Elementary Family purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Jeffrey James.



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Yellville-Summit Elementary Family - February 04, 2015 at 12:58 PM

GH

“ Jeff will be missed. He taught me to live every day and be sure to love along the way. Praying for you all.

Ginger Henson - February 04, 2015 at 12:46 PM

CW

“ Jeff was absolutely one of my very favorite people in this world! He was such a good guy, and he not only was my friend, but he was an amazing teacher/friend to my daughters. He made me laugh like no other!!! I'll treasure the memories forever!!

Crystal Waldrop - February 04, 2015 at 12:39 PM

GH

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Ginger Henson - February 04, 2015 at 12:01 PM

NH

*This was definitely Jeff, a man who loved the outdoors and nature.*

nancy hull - February 04, 2015 at 07:25 PM

AH

*Jann, you and Jeff were such a special part of my life. I am heartbroken that he is gone. The crowd at the funeral is a testament to what a wonderful person he was and how many lives he impacted. Love to you and your family.*

Alison O. Hayes - February 05, 2015 at 02:20 PM