



## Janelle Dame Toungett

June 28, 1982 - January 17, 2022

Janelle Dame Toungett went home to be with her Lord on January 17, 2022. Janelle was born on June 28, 1982, in Brisbane, California, where her mother Debbie Dame had a natural birth at home and her father, James “Jim” Dame, delivered her. Janelle lived in Candia, New Hampshire in her early years, before relocating to Walls, Mississippi. This began her passion for travel, as she was always visiting family on one coast or another. She considered San Francisco, California and York Beach, Maine to be her other “homes.” Janelle was courageous, she could do anything she set her mind to, there was no challenge that was too big, and she was always willing to jump in with both feet and conquer anything that came her way. From an early age she was a social butterfly and loved to make friends, both animals and people alike. At the age of four, she could often be caught napping outside with her animals because she loved them so much and didn’t want them to feel lonely. Throughout her school-age years in Horn Lake, Mississippi, she was involved in Girl Scouts, gymnastics, cheerleading, and dance team. She graduated from Horn Lake High School in 2000. After graduating high school, her traveling and adventure really took off and she developed her passion to learn how to fly. She began taking flight lessons, had several flight hours logged, and had recently been in contact with her flight instructor to resume her flying lessons. In 2015, Janelle graduated from Ole Miss with a degree in Bachelor of Management Information Systems and a minor in Marketing and Psychology. She later completed her culinary course through Johnson and

Wales. This allowed her to pursue her career in teaching, which combined her passion for creativity, cooking, and helping others. Janelle was a teacher at Horn Lake High School, where she became a mother to her “babies;” you could often hear her giving words of wisdom, encouragement, or even making sure they were warm and fed. Among her many activities at school, she was a swim coach, ACT test coordinator, senior class coordinator and was involved in DECA and yearbook.

Janelle was the life of the party and could light up any room. She had a sense of humor that would often have people in tears and wetting their pants. She never met a stranger and had a special way of making others feel loved. Her creativity and DIY spirit were developed at a young age; she WAS Pinterest before there was a Pinterest. Janelle was motivated and resourceful and had a love for gardening, recycling, crafting, DIY, drawing and painting. In her spare time, you could often find her drawing, painting, and crafting with her friends and family.

Among all of Janelle’s interests, her adventurous spirit was one for the books. She would often be planning her next trip with her family and friends, whether it was tubing at Spring River, venturing to New Orleans, camping in Vermont, clubbing in Montreal, clamming in Maine, catching rays in Punta Cana, getting married in Vegas, cruising the Caribbean, Jeep rides in Cozumel, parasailing in Cabo, cave tubing in Belize, climbing tree forts in Honduras, learning what a bidet was in Miami, finding out there’s a difference between paella and papaya in Puerto Rico, waiting to be called up at The Price is Right in Los Angeles, touring England with her eldest son on a school trip or visiting Disney World with her kids. She would frequently visit her sister in Oregon, her family in New England, and of course was no stranger to Florida or Las Vegas.

Janelle is survived by her loving husband Austin Toungett; her beautiful children Kyan, Allison, and Bradley; her mother Debbie Dame; her father Jim Dame (Lemoyne); her sister Jessica Reid (Dave); her brother Jimmy “Gabriel” Dame; her nieces Lilli, Presley, Marilyn, Payton, Phinley, and her nephew Turner. Janelle is also survived by loving in-laws, her maternal grandparents,

many aunts, uncles and cousins, and a host of life-long friends and her 20 chickens.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 27. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Getwell Church  
7875 Getwell Road  
Southaven, MS 38672

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *I miss my mom.*

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**Allie** - September 18, 2025 at 02:02 PM



*I do too. Love you, monkey*

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**Kyan** - December 16, 2025 at 12:18 AM



Tina Miller

*I do too. I hope you get to find her in small joys and memories. I wish she could be here for you both.*

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**Tina Miller** - May 14 at 09:38 PM



“ *The Kemps and Blankenships purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Janelle Dame Toungett.*



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**The Kemps and Blankenships** - January 27, 2022 at 03:32 AM



Patti Burr-Alexander

“ *"To live in hearts left behind is not to die"...*  
*Thomas Campbell*

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**Patti Burr-Alexander** - January 26, 2022 at 10:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janelle Dame Toungett.*



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January 26, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Adrian McNeil lit a candle in memory of Janelle Dame Toungett*



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**Adrian McNeil** - January 25, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janelle Dame Toungett.*



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January 25, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ *Mark Parie and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Janelle Dame Toungett.*



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**Mark Parie and family** - January 25, 2022 at 12:55 PM

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“ *Samantha Worley Robertson lit a candle in memory of Janelle Dame Toungett*



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**Samantha Worley Robertson** - January 25, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Janelle was such a kind and loving person. My condolences to the family. You all are in my prayers.*

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**Jennifer Tatum** - January 21, 2022 at 09:09 PM

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“ *Jaci Moore Minor lit a candle in memory of Janelle Dame Toungett*



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**Jaci Moore Minor** - January 20, 2022 at 12:49 PM

KE

“ *One of my favorite pictures of my nephew and his beautiful mother who we lost too soon! Janelle, we love you and miss you!*



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**Kelli** - January 19, 2022 at 07:56 PM

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*I have always loved that photo too! Always loved the two in it also with all my heart.*

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**Debbie Dame** - January 26, 2022 at 09:51 PM