



Emily Hope Dunkerton

March 18, 1997 - January 1, 2017

Emily Hope Dunkerton, 19, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2017 at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, Miss., after an extended illness with stomach cancer.

Born on March 18, 1997 in Laurel, Miss., Emily was the daughter of Richard (Rick) and Paige (Pickering) Dunkerton and grew up on her family's farm in the Hebron community. She attended and was baptized at First Baptist Church, Laurel. She graduated from high school in May 2015 and was pursuing her love of ballet in Chicago, Ill. Emily started her ballet training at Laurel Ballet Academy followed by training at South Mississippi Ballet where she performed in Cinderella, Coppelia, Giselle, Sleeping Beauty, Sorcerer's Apprentice and multiple Nutcracker performances including roles as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Dewdrop.

Along with her parents, she is survived by her grandparents Judge Charles and Margaret Ann Pickering of Hebron and Thomas Dunkerton of Wintergreen, Va.; siblings Aubrey Dunkerton Schlup (Jason), Elise Dunkerton Harrell (Jacob), and Sarah Dunkerton of Newnan, Ga., Hannah Dunkerton of Ellisville, and Jeremy, Thomas, Joanna and Kate Dunkerton of Hebron; and nephews James and Gabriel Harrell and niece Magdalene Harrell of Newnan, Ga. She was preceded in death by her grandmother Sherline Dunkerton of Wintergreen, Va.

The family held a private memorial service at the home of Judge Charles and Margaret Ann Pickering on Tuesday, January 3, with a graveside service

following at the Hebron Community Cemetery. The Reverend Randy Turner and John Helveston officiated. Pallbearers were Jeremy Dunkerton, Thomas Dunkerton, Jacob Harrell, Robert Grady Pickering, Jason Schlup, and Clarke Stocker. Memory Chapel of Laurel was in charge of the arrangements. The family requests that gifts be sent to Dan's House of Hope, P.O. Box 8444, Houston, TX 77288-8444 or danshouseofhope.org.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

Hebron Cemetery
43 Hebron Centerville Road
Soso, MS 39480

Tribute Wall

US

“ *USEA Board of Governors & Staff purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Emily Hope Dunkerton.*



USEA Board of Governors & Staff - January 05, 2017 at 11:33 AM

SM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



suzanne marie - January 05, 2017 at 11:08 AM

PB

“ *So, so sorry to hear about this sweet girl. My daughter, Madison, danced with Emily at SMBT. She stayed with us a couple of days during Nutcracker rehearsals and was such a joy to be around. We will keep your family in our thoughts and pray that her memories give you comfort.*

Pam and Madison Bourne

Pam Bourne - January 03, 2017 at 09:05 PM

BC

My condolences to the Dunkerton family!! Emily was an extraordinary, beautiful, and an amazing young lady. She was always pleasant and always smiling!! I am Praying for her family and praying for Emily. Trust in God 's love ❤️ for her, and Praying that her family's memories will keep Emily alive in their hearts God Bless!!

Bernadette Michel Courcelle

Bernadette Michel Courcelle - January 06, 2017 at 01:20 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emily Hope Dunkerton.



January 03, 2017 at 12:42 PM

AB

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's comfort and peace during these days.

Amy Busby - January 03, 2017 at 11:59 AM

MT

“ Margaret Ann and Charles, we were saddened to read of Emily's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Martha and Terrell

Martha and Terrell Tisdale - January 03, 2017 at 10:20 AM

BZ

“ My deepest sympathy to Emily's family. She was a beautiful young lady on the inside as well as on the outside. Today she sings and dances on streets of gold for her Savior, Jesus Christ.

Brenda Zugg - January 03, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Emily Hope Dunkerton.



January 03, 2017 at 09:23 AM



“ I met Emily at SMBT. She was a beautiful girl, with a beautiful heart, who can now dance on the most glorious stage imaginable. My heart and prayers go out to you all. Fly high sweet girl.
With love,
Crystal Miller



Crystal Miller - January 03, 2017 at 07:48 AM



“ So sad to hear of your loss of Emily. Please know your whole family is in our prayers.
Ronney Joe and Maria Webb

Ronney Joe Webb - January 02, 2017 at 08:00 PM



“ Our hearts are deeply touched for the Dunkerton family. May the God of all comfort arise in the lives of the family to bring restoration. May the Lord bless all of you.

With great sympathy,

Barbara and John Staples

John Staples - January 02, 2017 at 07:01 PM

LH

“ *May the God of comfort be near you all as you say goodbye to Emily. You're in our prayers.*

The Hall Family

Tim, Laura, Jessie and Joseph

Laura Hall - January 02, 2017 at 02:10 PM