



Joe Gentry

January 17, 1933 - January 14, 2020

Joe Gentry, age 86, of London, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky.

He leaves behind his stepson, Ted M. Johnson & wife Judy of Corbin; his sister, Chris Fugate of London; his step grandson, Dustin Johnson. He had a host of nieces and nephews who adored him: Kevin Gentry, Doug Gentry, Cheryl Gentry (deceased), Tim Youngker, Greg Youngker, Christie Youngker (deceased), Jeff Gentry, Stacey Gentry Froning, Tami Gentry Barga, Thomas Fugate (deceased), Timothy Fugate, Teresa Fugate Terhune; and also many great nieces and nephews who cherished their times with Uncle Joe. The loss of his boisterous and fun presence leaves a hole in the hearts of all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eulene Proffitt Gentry; his parents, Thomas Dewey and Ethel Crawford Gentry; two sisters, Willetta House (Glen) and Pauline Youngker (Lester), two brothers, Ted Gentry (Margie), Jack Gentry (Kay); his brother-in-law, Elbert Fugate.

Joe was a member of First Christian Church in London. He was a veteran of United States Air Force, and he supported the local VFW. He was retired from Conrail Railroad where he worked for 40 years as an engineer.

Joe (Uncle Joe to many) had an obvious outgoing personality that would permeate a room. He could be loud, opinionated, stubborn, proud and funny. Those traits were what we loved the most about him. His presence lit up and gave energy to a room. His way of entering a conversation by saying "Hey! Hey!" to get your attention was legendary. He was an avid UK fan and even liked Louisville because they too were part of the state of Kentucky. He was also a passionate golfer and an exceptional ballroom dancer. After retiring from the railroad and coming back to London, he joined the Hardees breakfast club and hung out with friends most mornings.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. He will be interred alongside his wife at Cumberland Memorial Gardens in Lily, Kentucky. The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

WE

“ Wynema Earley lit a candle in memory of Joe Gentry



wynema earley - January 23, 2020 at 02:48 PM

AF

“ Joe was a great friend to me. We had great fun playing golf and ballroom dancing. He was a very kind person with a great personality. He will be missed.

Alma Finley

Alma Finley - January 19, 2020 at 09:40 PM

AF

“ Alma Finley lit a candle in memory of Joe Gentry



Alma Finley - January 19, 2020 at 09:37 PM

LM

“ Lois McWhorter lit a candle in memory of Joe Gentry



Lois McWhorter - January 19, 2020 at 09:25 PM

GM

“ Greg Mink lit a candle in memory of Joe Gentry



Greg Mink - January 18, 2020 at 11:54 AM

PF

“ So sorry Ted and Judy. Just talked to him a few weeks back at Hardees.



Pam Fugate - January 18, 2020 at 10:48 AM

V(

“ Valerie Cornett (Hardee's) lit a candle in memory of Joe Gentry



Valerie Cornett (Hardee's) - January 17, 2020 at 03:31 PM

VC

“ Valerie Cornett lit a candle in memory of Joe Gentry



Valerie Cornett - January 17, 2020 at 03:25 PM

TB

“ Joe was one of many sweet friends we knew and loved in London KY. ❤️

Tom and Becky Boyan - January 17, 2020 at 03:03 PM

TB

“ Tom And Becky Boyan lit a candle in memory of Joe Gentry



Tom and Becky Boyan - January 17, 2020 at 03:00 PM

DW

“ Joe was one of my dearest and most trusted friends. I will miss him.



Don Wilhoit - January 17, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ Betty Gray lit a candle in memory of Joe Gentry



Betty Gray - January 17, 2020 at 07:36 AM

DW

“ He was one of my best and most trusted friends. I will sure miss him.

Don Wilhoit

Don Wilhoit - January 16, 2020 at 06:33 PM

JB

“ He was married to my sister Pansy's best friend Eulene. After her passing they remained friends. Sad to here of his passing



Jewell Buckles - January 16, 2020 at 11:52 AM

JK

“ Joey And Andrea Kesler lit a candle in memory of Joe Gentry



Joey and Andrea Kesler - January 16, 2020 at 10:31 AM

AR

“ Audrey Reed lit a candle in memory of Joe Gentry



Audrey Reed - January 16, 2020 at 10:30 AM

TF

“ You will be greatly missed by your Hardees Family and Friends



Trena Fox - January 15, 2020 at 10:02 PM

SS

“ So sorry Chris for the loss of you brother. We like Louisville as UK, as they are both KY ball teams.

Shirley shepherd - January 15, 2020 at 07:20 PM

ES

“ Evelyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Joe Gentry



Evelyn Smith - January 15, 2020 at 07:20 PM

DL

“ Denny Liford sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe Gentry



Denny Liford - January 15, 2020 at 03:30 PM



Thank you Denny

Teresa Terhune - January 15, 2020 at 11:44 PM

DH

So sorry for the family and friend's loss. Joe was a special person to our family. Sometimes, he would join our family for Christmas. He was always a joy to our family. Anytime that we saw him, he would approach us with a smile from ear to ear and give us a great big hug! Our loss is Heaven's gain!

Darlene and Dennis Hat - January 17, 2020 at 07:56 PM

JF

I live in Ohio and on infrequent visits to London I met Joe at the Hardee's Breakfast Club. I found Joe to be a great guy. I am glad I was fortunate enough to get to know Joe.

My condolence to Joe's family. Joe was a good guy.

James E. Frye (Jim)

Mason, OH

james frye - January 19, 2020 at 12:37 AM