



## Mrs. Mary Frances Gentry

October 19, 1925 - March 13, 2023

Graveside services for Mrs. Mary Frances Gentry, 97, of Orange Park, Florida, formerly of Henderson, will be held at 3:00 pm Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at Lakewood Memorial Park with Rev. Dean Grigsby officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson.

Mrs. Gentry passed away March 13, 2023 in Orange Park, Florida. She was born October 19, 1925 in Gary, TX to Dache Marvin and Dena (Applegate) Brannon and lived most of her life in East Texas. Mrs. Gentry worked in the office at Prichard and Abbott in Henderson for many years, where she even helped her daughter and a friend get a summer job while they were in high school. She was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and was very active in the Lady's Auxiliary for both Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and the District Auxiliary. Mrs. Gentry enjoyed being outside and gardening. She loved going to church. Mrs. Gentry was a caregiver to both her friends and her family and always enjoyed helping everyone she could.

Mrs. Gentry was preceded in death by her parents, Dache Marvin and Dena (Applegate) Brannon; her husband of fifty two years, Doyle Hugh Gentry; and her brother, Thomas Brannon.

Survivors include her daughter, Charlotte Riner of Orange Park, FL; granddaughters, Gentry Riner of Orange Park, FL; Allison Nicholas and

husband Jared of Carlsbad, NM; brother, James Brannon of Nacogdoches, TX; and a host of other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102 or The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memorial Park

Hwy 64 and 323  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Graveside

MAR 21. 3:00 PM (CT)

Lakewood Memorial Park  
Hwy 64 and 323  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall

KL

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Gentry lived on Hubbard Drive in Henderson, and I lived around the block on Wylie. I was just a kid when they lived there. I remember Mr. Gentry substituting at our school a few times. These were the sweetest two people. I was blessed to know many sweet people in the neighborhood, and I miss them all so much.*

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**Kathy Jo Lee** - July 26, 2025 at 05:54 PM

JG

“ *My mother-in-law, Mrs Waisel Gentry Downing, had been asking about Mary Frances for a while now. They were about the same age & had stayed in contact through the years. I decided to try and find out about her, and came upon her obituary. Waisel wanted me to send her condolences to the family. She always thought so much about Mrs Gentry.*

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**Joe McAlister for Waisel Gentry** - April 27, 2023 at 05:20 PM

JL

“ *I am so sad to hear this news, but what a reunion is happening right now, in Heaven!! I'm sure my Mom gave her the biggest hug!!! She was such a treasure...what a wonderful example of a Christian, Mother, Grandmother, and friend she was. And she was always a lady. I spoke to her a few weeks ago, and she was still her slow talking, bubbly, precious self. She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed. God bless you and your family.*

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**Janet Suber Lesikar** - March 23, 2023 at 10:21 AM

CK

“ *Chris Linda King lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry*



Chris and Linda King - March 23, 2023 at 08:43 AM

BB

“ *Charlotte, I am sorry for your loss of your truly sweet and kind mother. God bless her*

Bill Bagley - March 22, 2023 at 06:50 AM

PP

“ *PAUL LISA POWELL lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry*



PAUL & LISA POWELL - March 21, 2023 at 10:40 AM

CB

“ *Cindy Belcher lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry*



Cindy Belcher - March 21, 2023 at 10:37 AM

CC

“ *Cindy Cochran lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry*



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**Cindy Cochran** - March 21, 2023 at 09:42 AM

MS

“ *MARTHA SOLOMON lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry*



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**MARTHA SOLOMON** - March 21, 2023 at 07:16 AM

JC

“ *Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry*



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**Jan Crow** - March 20, 2023 at 11:34 PM

KB

“ *Kathleen Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry*



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**Kathleen D Brooks** - March 20, 2023 at 01:32 PM

CB

“ Francis was such a true friend and Christian. I loved our weekly talks and the times we got to be together since she moved to Florida. I will miss you so. Friends Forever. Cleta

Cleta Blair - March 19, 2023 at 08:13 PM

CB

“ Cleta Blair lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry



Cleta Blair - March 19, 2023 at 08:10 PM

DC

“ Oh my I wished I had seen this earlier. I would have been at the graveside. I knew Mrs. Frances Gentry all of my life. Her husband was at HISD when I started my first day in the Cafeteria. Mr. Doyle Gentry, I knew very well. My maternal grandparents lived in FairPlay right behind the French's Store. The Gentry's lived in FairPlay and Brooks Community's. We knew Mr. Travis Gentry. He is the one that we got all of our little Beagle puppies. Mrs. Frances was the sweetest, kindest person. They just don't come any better. I was literally sick when she called me that you were moving to Florida, so she could be close to Charlotte. We both cried, even knowing it was best for her and especially Charlotte. Charlotte, I know without a shadow of a doubt that your sweet Mother, is in Heaven.  
Our Deepest Sympathies,  
David and Kathy Chapman



David Kathy Chapman - March 19, 2023 at 12:17 AM

TB

*Kathy her service is this coming up Tuesday*

**Toni Barton** - March 19, 2023 at 11:05 PM

BS

“ *Brad Lou Ann Standard lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry*



**Brad & Lou Ann Standard** - March 18, 2023 at 04:36 PM

PB

“ *Charlotte and girls, what an honor to have had Mrs. Gentry as a friend. To see her was to see a true follower of Christ. I loved and admired her. I wish I could be there Tuesday, but I am Dad's caregiver. Know my prayers are with you.*

**Patti Capps Bryan** - March 18, 2023 at 03:14 PM

BE

“ *Buddy & Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry*



**Buddy & Dianne Everitt** - March 18, 2023 at 02:08 PM

GH

“ *Charlotte, prayers for you and Gentry in the days ahead. Mrs Gentry touched so many lives over her many years. A true friend and servant who loved the Lord and her family dearly. Blessed to call her my friend. 🙏❤️*

**Genieva Cooper Hill** - March 18, 2023 at 09:09 AM

JS

“ I met Mrs. Gentry when she used to visit my neighbor, Mrs. Mattie Mae Cunningham. We became good friends and kept in touch even after she moved to Florida. I loved her phone calls and hearing about her busy life. She was the sweetest person with such a wonderful positive outlook. Blessings of hope and prayers for her family.

Janis Skalnik - March 17, 2023 at 09:35 PM

VY

“ Vivian Ybarra lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry



Vivian Ybarra - March 17, 2023 at 05:36 PM

ME

“ Prayers for the Family! She was such a sweet lady! From: Myrtle Fay Ellis (Modglin)



Myrtle Fay Ellis - March 17, 2023 at 04:38 PM

BG

“ Prayers for peace and comfort.  
Sweet lady, and know what a reunion it was  
with Mr. Gentry.  
Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - March 17, 2023 at 11:01 AM

EC

“ Elizabeth Crye lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry



Elizabeth Ellis Crye - March 16, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ What a lady Sis. Gentry was. She fed my love of reading in the Pleasant Hill Church Library, always adding something new that at 9 yr old girl would enjoy. From the library to the funeral flower to ladies auxillary, she was a true servant and treasure to those around her.

Felicia Thomas Mccasland - March 16, 2023 at 10:43 AM

KF

“ Kay Farley lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry



Kay Farley - March 15, 2023 at 11:12 PM

AN

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of a former Gary neighbor

Andy Nutt - March 15, 2023 at 09:48 PM

CA

“ Charlotte,  
So sorry to hear about your mom. She was a sweetheart. I have so many great memories of your mom, dad, and you living next door to us on Hubbard Drive. Praying for you and your family in the days to come.

Cindy Wooster Anderson - March 15, 2023 at 05:07 PM

JW

“ Charlotte, I have precious memories of your sweet mother, not only caring but doing!!! ☹️



Jane Williams - March 15, 2023 at 04:37 PM

PD

“ Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Mary Gentry



Pat Davis - March 15, 2023 at 10:42 AM

CW

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your sweet mom. Praying for comfort in the days ahead.

Cyndi Walker - March 15, 2023 at 09:46 AM

BH

“Charlotte, I am sorry for your loss of your sweet mother. Mary Francis always had a sweet smile and kind soft voice. Prayers for you and family. Barbara Waldrop Hargraves

Barbara Hargraves - March 15, 2023 at 08:31 AM

WR

“A wonderful neighbor and friend. I will miss her greatly. Sincere sympathy and love to the family.



Winnie Ramey - March 15, 2023 at 01:12 AM

JS

“Praying for you all in the loss of a very sweet lady. Charlotte, I am here for you. May God's peace which surpasses all human understanding be with you and the girls.

Jan



Jan Spann - March 14, 2023 at 05:38 PM