



Mr. Gerald Lamar Gentry

January 6, 1955 - March 25, 2018

Gerald Lamar Gentry, 63 of Arab, passed away Sunday March 25, 2018 at his residence.

Mr. Gentry was born January 6, 1955 in Mobile to Ernest Lee Gentry and Joann Maddox Gentry. He worked in construction as a supervisor. He and the former Donna Elizabeth Chambers were married for 37 years. He enjoyed carpentry work and loved New Orleans Saint Football.

Mr. Gentry is survived by wife: Donna Gentry; his son's and daughter-in-law: Chris Ryals and Hillary, Lucian Gentry and Jason Gentry; his daughter: Stephanie Gentry; his grandchildren: Autumn Gentry, Patrick Gentry, Connor Gentry, Chelsea Lima and Hunter Bicknell and his brother and sister-in-law: Joseph Gentry and Missy. He was preceded in death by his parents: Ernest Lee Gentry and Joann Maddox Gentry.

Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday March 28, 2018 at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Arab Memorial Cemetery with Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing.

Visitation will be 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Tuesday March 27, 2018 at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

565 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Service

MAR 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LN

“ I remember alot of good old days with Gerald, Donna, Dawn, Randy and all the kids. Way back when they were itty bitty. A more loving wonderful family you will never meet! I know this is a very rough time, but your faith and strength as a family will give you strength. R. I. P. Gerald we will all love and miss you!!!

Lorri Nicholas - March 28, 2018 at 08:43 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald Lamar Gentry.



March 27, 2018 at 09:36 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald Lamar Gentry.



March 27, 2018 at 01:58 PM

KR

“ Stephanie- the light of your Father shines bright through you. 💖 Thinking of you and sending love through this difficult time.



kenzi rauthsmith - March 27, 2018 at 11:55 AM

ML

“Gerald was my best boyhood friend. We were pals from age 12 until we graduated high school and I moved away. He was funny, mischievous, tough and a survivor. He overcame some stuff that was handed to him by life and did so with a sense of humor. He went by the nicknames "Red", "Gerry", and "Gerr". He was way smarter than most gave him credit for because he had trouble in school. Mostly he suffered from the disease, like me, of "being a boy". He had the gift of laughter. He could make you crack up in class or at church with just a look. He could then compose himself leaving you to look guilty of disrupting and he would escape blame.

He had a deep streak of goodness in him that came from his pain. He allowed God to mold that pain into character and the result was a man who could work hard for those he loved and earn the respect of anyone else who worked hard. As teenagers we worked together mowing lawns, doing tree surgery, and other odd jobs that always seemed to turn into adventures. We never made much money but it made us strong and we both ended up excelling in blue collar trades.

Gerald was a stand up dude. I am happy for him that he found love, had a family, and enjoyed having grandchildren. My tears come when I see that face of his and remember that he was my friend during some of the hardest times of my life and I was also there when he went through some sad times. I suppose anyone you have laughed your hardest with and also cried your hardest with is someone you will never forget. I wish I had said these things to him before now when he could have heard them. I guess guys from our generation generally keep such things inside.

Goodbye old friend. You made it to heaven before me. I'll see you one day. I'll know you because you will be the red headed guy making everyone laugh.

Your Buddy,

Marc

Marc Leverett Fort Collins, CO



Marc Leverett - March 26, 2018 at 03:56 PM

LN

Great tribute to a great guy.

Lorri Nicholas - March 28, 2018 at 04:48 PM

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“*Karen Freeman, RN purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Gerald Lamar Gentry.*”



Karen Freeman, RN - March 26, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald Lamar Gentry.*”



March 26, 2018 at 11:19 AM

Lana
Highfill

“ Lana Highfill lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Gerald Lamar Gentry



Lana Highfill - March 26, 2018 at 09:05 AM