



William L. "Bill" Gentry

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William L. "Bill" Gentry, 70 of Decatur, passed away Saturday, September 17, 2016, at Decatur Memorial Hospital, with his family by his side.

Bill was born October 14, 1945, in Monticello, IL to Russell and Lucy Mae (Henry) Gentry. He served in the United State Army from 1965 to 1968. He was a tire builder for Firestone for 31 years and was a member of the United Rubber Workers Local 713. Bill never met a stranger and was a man who never hesitated to impart the best advice. He was also an avid gardener and collector of many things. Bill was a loving father and grandfather and will truly be missed.

Bill is survived by his two children, Matthew David (Buffi) Gentry of Sylmar, CA and JoEllen (Aaron) Bleavins of Forsyth; two grandchildren, Chayse and Ava Bleavins; his partner, Jean Montgomery and her daughter, Terri Wallace; one brother, Joel David Gentry; three sisters, Cora Jane Camic, Carol Ann Burdine and Joyce E. Arterburn; niece, Cheryl Hathaway; nephew, Terrance York and several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Herschell, Russell R. and George Gentry; four sisters, Shirley Maxedon, Maxine York, Hazel McDaniels and Marcella Mae Conour; and one niece, Donna Malloy.

Visitation will be held to celebrate the life of Bill Gentry on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Memorials may be directed to DMH Cancer Care Center.

The family of Bill Gentry is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the online obituary and send condolences to the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Video Tribute for Bill Gentry:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/T3KQN8C7TDCFP282>



Tribute Wall

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PB

Phil Beck posted:

Lit a candle in memory of William L. "Bill" Gentry

September 20 at 8:42 AM

TH

Thelma Hembree posted:

We love him like a brother and will miss him so much

September 20 at 5:38 AM

RW

Robert Wallace Sr. posted:

Bill was so much like my own father,whom I lost in March of 93 to lung cancer,it's almost scary. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting him,Bill had no enemies but he loved babies.When we would be in Walmart together and someone would roll by with a stroller he would always make it a point to see the child.Rest in Peace,my father in law, I love you!😊

September 19 at 12:39 PM

KM

Kendra Garnto, Cambridge House Maryville posted:

Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time. Find strength in your memories.

September 19 at 4:34 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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