



## Errol Jean Gentry

July 19, 1941 - July 16, 2024

Errol Jean Gentry, 82, of Ashdown completed her race and peacefully entered the gates of Heaven on July 16, 2024 at a local health care facility in Texarkana. Jean was two days away from celebrating her 83rd birthday, being born on July 19, 1941 in Ashdown. Instead of a birthday, we are celebrating her home going. Jean was a faithful member of Central Baptist Church for many years. She was the oldest child of Elmo and Joyce Simmons, who preceded her in death.

After completing high school, Jean entered the workforce as a caseworker and retired as a supervisor with Arkansas Department of Human Services. After a long and successful career, she “retired” and eventually went back to work with Cowling Title and was still working with Jackson Title at the time of her death.

Jean is also preceded in death by her stepfather, Arval Lee and brother, David Simmons.

Jean is survived by her husband of 61 years, James E. (Buddy) Gentry of Ashdown, daughter Marcy Lynn Shelley (Steve) of Wake Village, two grandchildren, Colin and Eli Shelley and sister, Jerri Roper.

Funeral services will be Friday, July 19, 2024 at 3:00 at Madden Funeral Home with Bro. Don Embry officiating. A visitation will begin at 2:00, prior to services. Interment to follow at Ashdown Cemetery. Donations in remembrance of Jean may be made to Central Baptist Church 261 Commerce Ashdown AR 71822.



# Cemetery Details

## Ashdown Cemetery

Peyton Avenue  
Ashdown, AR 71822

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Ashdown  
371 N 3rd Street  
PO Box 428  
Ashdown, AR 71822  
(870) 898-3331  
<https://maddenfuneralservice.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUL 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Madden Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Errol Jean Gentry*



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**Madden Funeral Home** - July 18, 2024 at 05:32 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear about Jean. She was such a sweet and caring lady. Prayers for peace and comfort.*



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**Karen Deaver** - July 26, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Jean will certainly be missed, but we know that she is no longer suffering and is at peace. I will miss my friend and neighbor.*

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**Jeanette Oglesby** - July 19, 2024 at 12:58 PM

KC

“ It's hard to forget someone who gave you so much to remember. I enjoyed many chats with Jean while dropping by the title company over the years. Jean loved her title work days! She would always update me on how Buddy, Marcy & Steve were doing ... but her grands, Colin & Eli, they were her favorite thing to chat about. She absolutely loved going to their ballgames.  
May loving memories ease your loss and bring you comfort in the days ahead. I am praying for God to wrap his arms around each of you to help during the difficult days. Much love, Kaye Meeks Cannon



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**Kaye M Cannon** - July 18, 2024 at 08:48 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Errol Jean Gentry.



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July 18, 2024 at 07:13 PM

LJ

“ Love, Tom and Donna Jordan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Errol Jean Gentry.

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**Love, Tom and Donna Jordan** - July 18, 2024 at 07:13 PM

BS

“ *Bobbie L Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Errol Jean Gentry*



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**Bobbie L Schuetz** - July 18, 2024 at 04:46 PM

PT

“ *Thinking of u Buddy, Marcie and Jerri. We made some good memories and I'll never forget Jean love y'all. Pat*

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**pat thrash** - July 18, 2024 at 04:16 PM

LF

“ *Love, Ben E Keith Foods purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Errol Jean Gentry.*



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**Love, Ben E Keith Foods** - July 18, 2024 at 04:02 PM

LF

“ *Love, Ben E Keith Foods planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Errol Jean Gentry.*

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**Love, Ben E Keith Foods** - July 18, 2024 at 04:02 PM

KL

“ Praying for Buddy, Marcy, Jerrie, and the family !!! Jean was a very SPECIAL LADY who I loved very much !!! She was a long time golfing buddy and we had many beauty shop visits that I'll never forget !!! Jean was the sweetest LADY !!! She will be MISSED !!!  
Kay ( Welch ) Lincoln

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**Kay Lincoln** - July 18, 2024 at 12:47 PM

EB

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family in the loss of your loved one. She was one of the most beautiful person, inside and out, that I have ever had the pleasure of being around. When my husband Dennis and I first joined Central Baptist Church, she was practically the first person who made us feel so welcome. She had such a sweet and loving personality and I will always remember her thoughtful ways. She will be sorely missed by all.

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**Esther buster** - July 18, 2024 at 11:33 AM

EF

Buddy, Marcy, and Jerrie - my prayers go out to each of you and your family. I loved Jean. She was always a very special friend along with you all. It is a very sad time. ❤️🙏

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**Eddie Ann Fawceyy** - July 18, 2024 at 05:36 PM