



## John Wallace Gentry

March 25, 1948 - February 21, 2012

John Wallace Gentry of Spearsville, LA, formally of Ashdown, AR went home to be with his Lord on February 21, 2012.

Johnny was born on March 25, 1948 and was 63 years old. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jay W. Gentry and Mary Crews Gentry; one brother, Eddie Gentry; and one sister, Sue Daniel.

John grew up in Ashdown, AR where he graduated from high school in 1966, and was always proud that he was chosen to play all-star football representing the Ashdown Panthers. John went on to play football for Quachita Tigers in Arkadelphia, AR. He was an avid sports fan, especially for the Razorbacks. John graduated Quachita in 1970 with a B.A. in Business Administration. Quachita is also where he met his wife of 43 years, Wilma Lechliter Gentry. John retired as CEO of Springwater Catfish Farms. He was also retired from the U.S. Army after achieving the rank of Captain.

John and his family have been members of First Baptist Church in Ashdown, where he and his wife, Wilma were married in May of 1968. Together, they have two children, Jay Gentry and his wife Jenny, and Sherry Gentry and her husband Hugh (J.R.) Kidd. He was a loving father and pappaw to his children and his four grandsons of whom he was so proud, Zachary Gentry, Kyle Kidd, Alex Kidd, and John-Tyler Kidd. He is also survived by his nieces and

nephews, Doug and Connie Daniel and Kent Gentry and Ashley McDaniel and many other relatives and friends.

He is lovingly remembered by all his family and friends for his quick sense of humor, his loving heart and strong sense of family. He always encouraged his children and grandchildren by insisting they further their education and develop a strong work ethic. He always said they could become whatever they set their minds to achieve.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be Saturday February 25, 2012 from 6 to 8 pm at Madden Funeral Home, Ashdown, AR in the Chapel.

Graveside Service will be Sunday February 26, 2012 at 2:00 pm at Hicks Cemetery in Ashdown, AR with Rev. Butch Riddle officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Madden Funeral Home, Ashdown, AR.

Online registration: [maddenfuneralservice.com](http://maddenfuneralservice.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Wallace Gentry*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *So sorry about your loss. Our family extends our sympathy to you. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.*

**Sandra Furlow - Ogen, AR - Friend/Fellow Teacher** - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *.. I'm so sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. His infectious smile, the same one he carried through life, also made us smile & laugh in high school, something i'll never forget. My condolences to his family, as I know he'll be greatly missed.*

**Cynthia Thrash - AR** - February 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this sad time . May you find comfort knowing that he is in the hands of the Lord where there is only peace and comfort. He suffers no more. His passing has saddened our hearts.*

**Robert (Bob Sr.) and Freddi Ward - Montevallo, AL - friends** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Wilma and Jay, we were so saddened to learn of John's death. I have often thought of the good times I had with John & Jay. Please know that our hearts and prayers are with you at this time. Jerry & Marsha.

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**jerry and Marsha Schivers - texarkana, TX - Friend** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to Wilma and her family. We will greatly miss the interesting long visits in Branson every year.

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**Mike Mallory and Nina Carter - Holliday, MO - family** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ My family and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time! ((hugs))

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**Patti Stinnett Baldwin - Ashdown, AR - Friend** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My sincere condolences to the family.

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**Suzie Elliott - Ashdown, AR - Friend of Sherry.** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Jen and Jay: Please know I am praying for you and your family during this time. May God's comfort lift and hold you all and bring peace as only He can.

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**Kim Blackman - Farmerville, LA** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM