



Mearle L Gentry

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Mearle Lesley Gentry, 92, of Plant City, passed away peacefully on November 26, 2024.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He will be dearly missed and forever remembered for the remarkable family man he was.

Mearle proudly served his country with the US Air Force, full career, even retiring from military service. He became a master metal fabricator, able to fix even the most damaged aircraft. When he wasn't working hard, he loved to fish, camp, work in his yard, or just be outdoors. More than anything else, he adored his family and spent every moment he could with them.

He was born to Willie and Mae (nee Crabtree) Gentry November 4, 1932, in Galena, MO. He married the love of his life, Jean Warren, and spent 65 years being loving, supportive, and dedicated to each other. They raised 3 children together, and shared a beautiful life traveling, cruising, and enjoying their time together until Jean passed away in 2019.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jean; his parents, Willie and Mae Gentry; and siblings, Jerald Dean Gentry, Colleen Essary, Ferman Eugene "Gene" Gentry, Hazel Gentry, Rathel Jonas Gentry, Judithann, and Ellie Gentry.

Mearle is survived by his loving children, Janet Gentry, Miles (Gail) Gentry, and Michael Gentry; grandchildren, Heather (Justin) Gentry Smithe, Sean Gentry, and Ryan Gentry; and one great-grandson, Wyatt Smithe.

Gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 1-2pm, Funeral service to follow at 2-3pm, both at Sunset Funeral Home, 11005 N US Hwy 301, Thonotosassa, FL.

Mearle will be laid to rest next to Jean, at 3pm, at Sunset Memory Gardens, with well-deserved military honors.



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Those unable to be present for the funeral service may view it here:

<https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/107198/hash:CE6D76680E3891CD>



Events

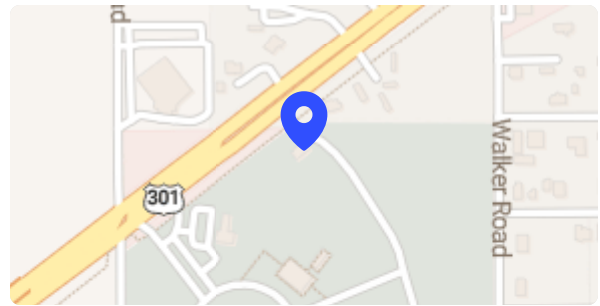
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Gathering of family and friends

Saturday, December 7, 2024

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

Sunset Funeral Home
11005 N US Highway 301, Thonotosassa FL
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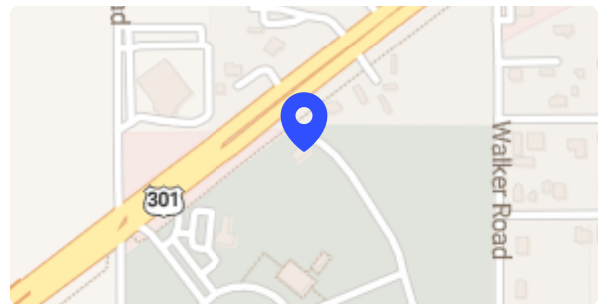


Celebration of Life

Saturday, December 7, 2024

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

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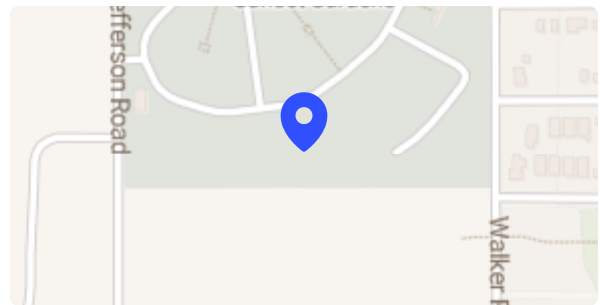


Graveside Service with Military Honors

Saturday, December 7, 2024

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM ET

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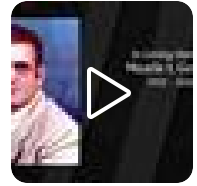


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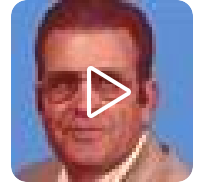
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December 2 at 2:44 PM



Sunset Funeral Home & Memory Gardens shared a **Webcast Video**.



December 5 at 11:18 AM



Mary Lowery Aka Mary Lowery lit a candle in honor of Mearle.

I moved down the street from the Gentry's in 1979 and went to school with Michael Gentry. We played soccer together all during our High School Years. We hung out all the time and rode to school together. We were good kids but one weekend Mike's parents went out of town. We used Mike's dad vehicle and rode around all weekend and put like 300 miles on that car. Mike told me when his parents got back from being out of town we found out that Mike's dad had wrote down the mileage on the vehicle before they left. So he found out we used the vehicle all weekend. I want to send my condolences to Michael, Miles and Janet for their lost of their father. I hung out there a lot and their parents were the sweetest people. I know their dad will be dearly missed!! Mary Lowery aka Mary Hopkins



December 6 at 8:36 PM



The Lambert/Riley/Perez Families sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Gentry family.



December 4 at 7:06 PM



Media

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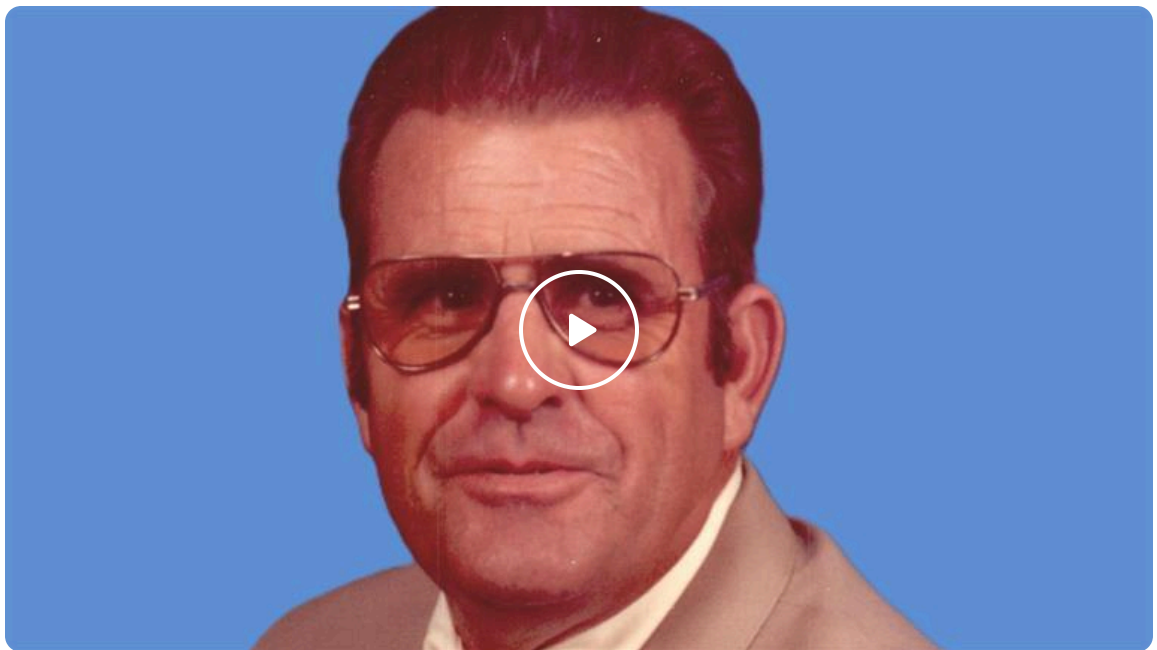
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