



Wayne L. Gentry

February 18, 1950 - November 1, 2018

Wayne L. Gentry, age 68 of Marine, IL, died Thursday, November 01, 2018, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital (BJC) in Saint Louis, MO.

He was born on Saturday, February 18, 1950, in Highland, IL, the son of Lester and Marie (nee Frey) Gentry.

On Saturday, January 13, 2001, he married Sandy J. Gentry nee Overholtz at St. Jacob United Church of Christ, who survives.

He was a member of Marine Masonic Lodge 355 AF & AM since 1974 (Past Lodge Master 2001 and Past Treasurer); Marine Township Trustee, 4 terms.

Born at Highland, IL; grew up at Alhambra, IL, and was a 1968 graduate of Highland High School, Highland, IL. He served with the US Army Reserves and attended Belleville Barber College. He worked at SIU-E as a barber; then was a barber in Maryville and Marine. He then opened his own barber shop in Marine and operated it for 30 years. He worked for Madison County as a Health Inspector for a number of years. He retired on disability over 10 years ago. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid turkey hunter. He loved sports, coaching his children's sports; time with family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include:

Spouse - Sandy J. Gentry, nee Overholtz, Marine, IL
Father - Lester O. (Nadine) Gentry, Alhambra, IL
Son - Shane W. (Kara) Gentry, Saint Jacob, IL
Son - Brandon W. (Shannon) Gentry, Saint Jacob, IL
Step Daughter - Dawn R. (James) Dykes, Marine, IL
Step Daughter - Wendy L. (Michael) Mueller, Dupo, IL
Step Daughter - Amy F. Beel, Dupo, IL
Grandchild - Madison M. Gentry, Saint Jacob, IL
Grandchild - Grace K. Gentry, Saint Jacob, IL
Grandchild - Kailey R. Gentry, Saint Jacob, IL
Grandchild - Austin W. Gentry, Saint Jacob, IL
Step Grandchild - Tyler A. S. (Kassey) Beel, Dupo, IL
Step Grandchild - Jesse J. (Melissa) Dykes, Marine, IL
Step Grandchild - Alexis N. Dykes, Marine, IL
Step Grandchild - Rylea P. Mueller, Dupo, IL
Step Grandchild - Mariah Blunk, Kentucky,
Step Grandchild - Kaleb Blunk, Kentucky,
Sister - Janelle M. (Mark) Gelly, Highland, IL
Step Great Grandchildren - Many.

He was preceded in death by:

Mother - Marie L. Gentry, nee Frey - Died 8/18/1986

Step Grandchild - Breanna L. Johnson - Died 10/04/2016.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, November 05, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Private Funeral Service will be Tuesday, November 06, 2018, at Spengel-

Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Rev. Gary Kniepkamp, St. Jacob, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Salem Cemetery in Alhambra, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dr. John F. Dipersio/Siteman Cancer Center/Leukemia & Lymphoma.

Tribute Wall

SG

“ Sandy, I am so sorry for your loss. Wayne was a great man. I have pictures of him giving each of our sons their first haircuts!!! We're talking about 1975 and 1977 when they were each a year old. Wayne was so good with them. You take care of yourself and if you need to talk, give me a call. We can cry together. Sandy Giger

Sandy Giger - November 09, 2018 at 01:03 PM

BS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. He was always a very kind person and would talk to you anywhere. So sorry for the families loss.
Bonnie and Jerry Schmitt

Bonnie Schmitt - November 05, 2018 at 01:53 PM

CO

“ Chris & Erika Oliver purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wayne L. Gentry.



Chris & Erika Oliver - November 05, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne L. Gentry.



November 05, 2018 at 10:00 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wayne L. Gentry.*



November 05, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ *Wayne was a cool guy. He was always friendly, always had a smile even in the worst of times. He was a genuinely good guy, what you saw was what you got, no airs, no pretenses. He will be missed. With my deepest sympathy, Bunny Korte*

Elizabeth Korte - November 05, 2018 at 08:28 AM



“ *I'm glad I got to visit with him and hear how he loved turkey hunting. His interests were many and his desire to make sure the City Of Marine was kept in good shape. He always had new ideas the way he imagined life. He had a strength to be proud of. He was very proud of his family which he shared stories. Going to miss our chats Wayne. You along with Sandy are fond memories. Thank you both for your friendship. Sylvia Kauh*

Sylvia Kauh - November 05, 2018 at 07:09 AM

NS

“ Nick, Nina, Olivia and Skylar Smock purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wayne L. Gentry.



Nick, Nina, Olivia and Skylar Smock - November 04, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ I enjoyed having the opportunity to have met Wayne, I always enjoyed how he'd critique my gardening skills...it made my smile. Prayers to all of the family.

Krystal Gruenenfelder - November 04, 2018 at 06:51 PM

MO

“ Condolences to the Gentry Family, Wayne was a good friend and always full of humor. He will be missed. May he rest in Peace. Mike Otto

Mike Otto - November 04, 2018 at 03:07 AM

DH

“ Good memories of him! Even more of Les who I enjoyed at Alhambra. Don Hastings

Don Hastings - November 03, 2018 at 09:34 PM

AB

“ Sorry to hear about you Wayne. It was always fun exchanging haircuts and all the barber talk between us. God bless you and all your families and friends

Allan Bloemker - November 03, 2018 at 05:10 PM

PK

“ Perry J Kearns purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Wayne L. Gentry.



Perry J Kearns - November 03, 2018 at 12:03 PM



“ Wayne's and my past crossed for the first time 48 years ago at Ft. Bragg, NC. Became friends in no time. Wayne was fun to be around always had a smile on this face and some tale to tell, had many laughs . He was the same after all these years. Sometimes he'd have to call me and tell me something funny or crazy. Enjoyed seeing him two weeks ago and had no ideal that it would be the last time. Sure going to miss you FRIEND.

Perry Kearns - November 03, 2018 at 11:22 AM

JR

“ From our days as grade school students in Alhambra, days at SIUE to the times our paths crossed after I moved to Montana, Wayne's grin and humor were always with him despite his health issues. I'm fortunate to have had him as a friend. Wayne will be missed, but never forgotten.

Judy Highlander Riter


Judy Highlander Riter - November 03, 2018 at 09:07 AM

BB

“ I'm so glad we had the chance to visit at our 50th class reunion: Wayne was a great friend to many and will be missed.

Betsy

beverly boeschen - November 03, 2018 at 08:49 AM

 Diana Donohoo

“ *Diana Donohoo lit a candle in memory of Wayne L. Gentry*



Diana Donohoo - November 03, 2018 at 12:06 AM



“ *Worked with Wayne for years at Mad Co- he was a great man with a fabulous sense of humor- He and Matt Crider together could brighten any day-my heart aches for his family- rest in peace my friend.*



Deanne Vasiloff - November 02, 2018 at 11:50 PM



“ *Whether "The Northwest Passage" or the Ford Fairlane, Wayne will never be forgotten. During his illnesses, he always had a great story to tell. Wayne was a very special person who I am proud to have known.*

Leonard Suhre - November 02, 2018 at 10:08 PM

BM

Prayers to Sandy and all their family and friends who are saddened by Wayne's passing. Hugs to you Sandy..I so wish I could be there with you. Love you.

Brenda Wafflard Mohr - November 03, 2018 at 08:57 AM

ML

*Dearest Sandy,
Oh honey, I am so sincerely sorry for your loss. You're a beautiful soul
Sandy, you always have been. I just said a prayer for you. God Bless
your sweet heart. ♡♡*

Mary Bernasco Straub Luning - November 03, 2018 at 09:07 AM

JB

*From my time in the barber chair to our time together in the Army
Reserves to recent times I always enjoyed Wayne's company. I
admired the courage he exhibited in dealing with medical challenges
he was dealt. He was a good friend and will be missed.*

James Brunsworth - November 04, 2018 at 11:06 AM


Dennis
Meier

*Sandy,
I'm so sorry to here about your loss, my thoughts and prayers go out to
you and your family*

Dennis Meier - November 04, 2018 at 08:08 PM