



# Harry Thomas Gentry

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**H**arry Thomas Gentry 79, of Mesquite, Texas, passed away on December 22, 2020. He was born on December 16, 1941 to Ernest Gentry and Rose Mary Gentry in Little Rock, Arkansas. Harry worked many years in the automotive industry for B.F. Goodrich, manager and owner of Bower's Tire Store in Garland, Texas and after retirement as Deacon at Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, wife of 45 years, Melva Joyce Gentry, and his sister Connie Sue Gregston.

Harry is survived by his best friend, identical twin brother, and often antagonist, Larry Lawrence Gentry of Frisco, Texas; sons and spouses, Ronnie & Catherine Gentry of Houston, Texas and Brian & Crystal Gentry of Argyle, Texas and daughter and spouse Glenda & Ryan Schnacke of Sachse, Texas and 7 grandchildren Chandler, Elizabeth, Allison, Abby, Ben, Anna and Jacob.

Harry lived his life as a kind and humble son, husband, father, grandfather, and child of God. We will forever cherish his laughter to the point of tears, his ability to listen, and his unmatched willingness to serve. He always enjoyed being in the presence of others and finding ways to help. After his retirement and the early passing of his wife Joyce, Harry dedicated his time to helping his Shiloh Terrance Baptist Church family. He would arrive without fail to prepare the church for the day's activities and to greet and laugh with the children and parents as they arrived at the daycare center. He was the reliable and friendly face at the front door ready to greet and welcome all who would come. He will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

Family will receive friends on January 4, 2021 from 3:30 – 5:30 PM at Restland Funeral Home.

Service will be held on January 5, 2021 at 10:30 AM at Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church located at 9810 La Prada Dr. Dallas, Texas.



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In Lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be made to Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in his name.



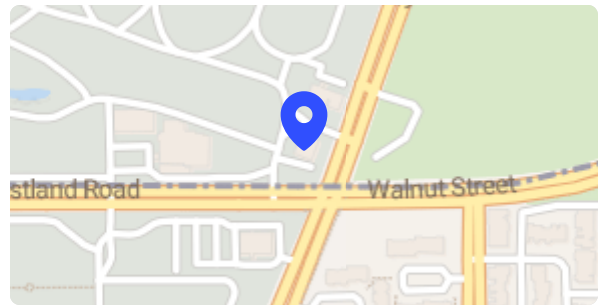
# Events

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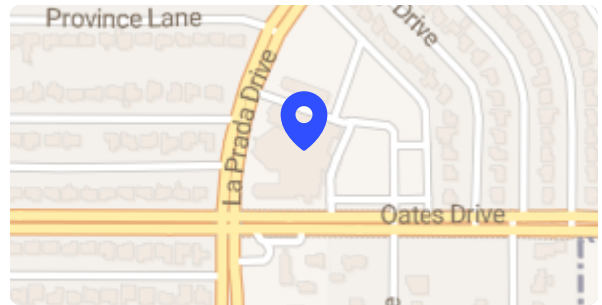
## Visitation

- Monday**, January 4, 2021
- 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM CT
- Restland Funeral Home & Crematory**  
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243



## Funeral Service

- Tuesday**, January 5, 2021
- 10:30 AM CT
- Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church**  
9810 La Prada Dr, Dallas TX 75228





# Tribute Wall

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**Stacy Winters** posted:

I just received the news of Mr. Harry's passing. I somehow missed this important message sent by a friend back in December. My heart has ached all day. Mr. Harry was an amazing man who had a heart of gold. He greeted me and my children every day at the CDC for many years. I can remember always being excited to see him as we turned into the parking lot. I would look for him immediately, as I announced, "We are about to see Mr. Harry!" He had such a calming nature about him and the love he showed the children was absolutely priceless. I know he loved his own children so much as well, as he talked about them often. I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Harry will forever be missed here, but I am sure he is doing amazing things in heaven with our Lord. My eyes will search for you again someday, my friend.

February 20 at 4:23 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Gentry family.



January 4 at 8:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Gentry family.



January 4 at 2:18 AM



**Sharon Blackman** posted:

Mr Harry I will forever Remember your wormth towards everyone who walked through those doors at Shiloh and CDC.you greeted me with a Smile and made me feel safe on days I arrived early.you will be missed but we will see each other again in Heaven

January 3 at 2:47 AM



**Rachel Barker** posted:

We will miss your smiling face and kind heart... the Dr. Pepper king.

January 2 at 5:46 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Large Basket Garden to the Gentry family.



January 1 at 4:50 PM



**Laura Reid** posted:

Brian and family, I am sorry to hear about your father's passing. I fondly remember him as a kind and patient man, always willing to lend a helping hand. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Laura Reid

January 1 at 4:11 PM



**Adryn Shackelford** posted:

Brian and family, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. Your father was one of the kindest people I've ever met, and I was lucky to get to know him. Prayers and hugs to you and your family during this difficult time. Adryn Shackelford

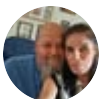
December 31 at 3:04 PM



**Tami & Danny Spoerl** posted:

Oh Harry, what will Shiloh Terrace look like without you? You, my friend, were one of a kind, here on earth and I am sure the loving, kind, gracious and giving heart that you shared here on earth with us, is 100 fold in Heaven. You will be soooo missed here, but knowing that God prepared you a beautiful home in Heaven and you are now serving Jesus face to face, gives us so much peace. Until we meet again, my friend, God's blessings on your family. Tami & Danny Spoerl

December 31 at 1:45 AM



**Tina Ray** posted:

Mr. Harry was the best when I worked at Shiloh CDC. He always took care of us lady parents, and greeted our children. He made my morning and my time there. He will be very missed by all. Thank you for your service sir.

December 30 at 2:28 PM



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**Paula Bateman** posted:

Harry was a wonderful Christian man. A true friend and brother in Christ. He will be missed here on earth but we will see each other again in heaven.

December 30 at 9:56 AM



**Alicia Spicer** posted:

Oh the memories I have reflected on since hearing of Harry's passing! Too many to recount them all but lots of vacations, concerts and time spent together!!! One of my fondest memories was having him sub in to escort me in high school while my dad was traveling, the announcer got his name wrong and called him Harvey...he never skipped a beat we just laughed it off. He was always the kindest soul and one for lots of laughs and the best hugs! Prayers for all of you as you deal with this great void! Harry was one of a kind and I am privileged to have known him and spent so much time with him during my growing up!!

December 30 at 5:43 AM



**Marilyn Coody** December 31 at 2:59 PM

Harry truly possessed a servant heart! Bill and I loved our trips with him to Pecan Gap to eat. I always enjoyed talking with him on Sunday mornings as he opened the door. He will be missed!



**Connie R T.** sent a sympathy card to the Gentry family.

December 30 at 4:20 AM



**Anonymous** sent a sympathy card to the Gentry family.

December 30 at 3:15 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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