



## Robert "Bob" Ellery Gentry

February 8, 1943 - March 27, 2016

Robert "Bob" Ellery Gentry, was born February 8, 1943, to Robert Earl and Elaine (Harris) Gentry in White Cloud, Michigan. Bob passed peacefully on Easter Sunday morning, March 27, 2016, in Versailles, Missouri.

The Gentry family moved to Boone County, Missouri in 1948 to be closer to family when Bob was a child. He attended Columbia schools and was a proud graduate of David H. Hickman High School – Go Kewpies!

Bob enlisted in the United States Navy in 1962 and trained as an Air Traffic Controller in Glynco, Georgia.

Bob returned to Boone County after the military and met and married his better half, Carolyn (Adams) on March 16, 1968. They were married forty-eight years.

In November of 1969, Bob embarked on a career with the FAA as an Air Traffic Controller and supervisor in Olathe, Kansas. Bob loved being an ATC, this career lasted thirty years and he retired in 1999.

Bob and Carolyn moved to Laurie, Missouri in 1999, on the lake, where they loved boating and fishing. But, true to his nature, Bob did not remain idle for long. He was tapped to be an instructor for the FAA in 1999 and would teach

in the Air Traffic Control Training Academy in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for two years.

An avid outdoorsman, Bob found joy in hunting, fishing, golfing and travel. Throughout his lifetime, right up to the end, he talked about a 50th wedding anniversary trip with Carolyn.

Bob was baptized a catholic and was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, Missouri.

Survivors include his devoted wife, Carolyn of the home; his children, Kathryn (Roger) Casadei of Higbee, Karen (Roy) Manning of Gladstone, Russell Lee Gentry of Gladstone and Scarlett (Ken) Marchman of Chicago, Illinois; grandchildren, Desie Brooks, Angie Brooks, Heath Brooks, Madelyn Barnes, Taylor Gentry and Allie Gentry and six great-grandchildren. Bob also leaves his mother, Elaine Gentry of Columbia; two sisters, Tina (Jeff) Crane of Hallsville and Diana (Jerry) Jones of Columbia and many cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. Last but not least, Bob leaves his beloved Scotty, Jock, who misses him terribly.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Robert Earl Gentry and a brother, Matthew Gentry.

A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 31st, at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Thursday, at the church. Graveside services and inurnment with full military honors will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Hickman Kewpie Scholarship Fund, Central Missouri Community Foundation with a notation of Bob Gentry Memorial, c/o Charley Blackmore 2312 Deer Creek Court, Columbia, Missouri 65201-3564.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber  
Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O  
Laurie, MO 65038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
176 Marian Dr.  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

## Memorial Mass

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *I am proud to have been able to call Bob my Cousin. What a good man! Carolyn, sending my love and am so sorry for your loss! Marcia*



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**Marcia** - April 02, 2016 at 08:26 AM

KM

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Karen Gentry Manning** - April 01, 2016 at 10:27 PM

ES

“ *Will always remember the fun trips we shared with Bob and Carolyn to the Credit Union conventions. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Carolyn.*

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**Edna Sourk** - April 01, 2016 at 10:59 AM

PD

“ *Nothing but FUN memories when I think about Bob. I know he will be missed by many,*

*Phil Dixon*

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**Phil Dixon** - March 31, 2016 at 01:11 PM

RM

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We shared some wonderful childhood times together at his parents' farm and at Hickman High School. He will always be remembered fondly.

*Robert (Butch) McBaine*

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**Robert McBaine** - March 31, 2016 at 10:30 AM

TG

“ So Bob will always have a special place in my heart because he was such an inspiration to me because he never gave up! He was a strong willed man and very driven. It has been an honor to be a part of his life and care for him the past few years. My heart goes out to Carolyn and the family. Your family shows all of us what the meaning of love should be. *Teresa Garles*

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**Teresa Garles** - March 30, 2016 at 08:09 PM

ST

“ Sorry about your loss--Bob and I graduated from Hickman together in 1961. Prayers to all the family. *Sally Townsend*

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**Sally Bumgarner Townsend** - March 30, 2016 at 03:54 PM

DN

“ Our memories of how we met and the way he and Michael became good friends and let us girls do our thing. Bob's laugh and all our little talks. He will be missed and my heartfelt wishes for you, my friend. *Love*

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**donna nystrom** - March 29, 2016 at 08:40 PM

SG

“ I am so very sorry to learn of Bob's passing. He is a fellow Kewpie Classmate, and we will surely miss him at our June Kewpie Reunion. Deepest sympathy.  
*Sharon Ricketts Goff*

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**Sharon Goff** - March 29, 2016 at 04:48 PM

DS

*Carolyn, so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you & your family.*

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**Dell Six** - March 31, 2016 at 12:44 PM