

VENNIE VADELL (CARR) SHANKS GENTRY OBT.

BAXTER -- Funeral services for Vennie Shanks Gentry, 93, of Silver Point, will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Carr Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. today, Tuesday, March 1, and from 11 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home.



Mrs. Gentry died Monday afternoon, Feb. 28, 2011, at her home in the Boma community.

She was born Aug. 2, 1917, in Putnam County to the late John Byrd and Lucinda Webb Carr.

Mrs. Gentry was a retired teacher with the Putnam County School System with 40 plus years of service, retiring in 1977, with her last 15 years at Upperman High School in Baxter as a business teacher.

She was a member of Baxter First Baptist Church. She was instrumental in forming the care fund for Smellage Cemetery and served as the cemetery's secretary and treasurer for many years. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who dearly loved her family.

Her family includes a daughter, Deborah Gentry of Silver Point; two sons and daughters-in-law, Fred W. and Carolyn Shanks of Silver Point and Allen and Pam Gentry of Baxter; seven grandchildren, Macy and husband Barry Bohannon, Robert and wife Liz Shanks, Josh and wife Melissa Gentry, Jacob Gentry, Eric and wife Lindsey Gentry, Dillon and wife Cayce Gentry and Jarrod Gentry; eight great-grandchildren, Carter and Caden Shanks, Kylie Sue and Garrett Bohannon, Caleb and Travis Gentry and Lola and Harper Henderson; and several dear nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two husbands, Fred W. Shanks Sr. and Berley Rhea Gentry; five sisters, Arvie Kinniard, Artie Jared, Eulene Garrison, Rubye Myers and Clorell Carr; and three brothers, Olon, Nolan and Solon Carr.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to Carr Cemetery Fund by contacting the funeral home.

Rev. Carl Scarlett will officiate at the services.

You may share your thoughts and memories at www.hhhfunerals.com.

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