

**MONROE "ROE" GENTRY OBT.**

b. November 18, 1884 – d. November 25, 1956  
md Ollie Frances Burgess

Roe Gentry Rites Held at Baxter

Funeral services for Roe Gentry, 72, of Baxter, who died Sunday morning at Cookeville General Hospital after a short illness were held Monday afternoon at the Baxter Methodist Church.

The Rev. Benton Harness, Dr. Harry L. Upperman, and the Rev. Walter Schaerer, officiated. Burial was in the Maxwell Cemetery. Hooper-Huddleston Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Gentry was a retired farmer. He was the son of the late John Whitley and Josephine Maxwell Gentry.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ollie Burgess Gentry; 2 daughters, Mrs. Olney Gentry, Cookeville, and Mrs. Allen Neville, Nashville; 6 sons, Dow, Gray, John, and Claude Gentry, all of Baxter, Harding Gentry, Albany, GA, and Calvin Gentry, Memphis; 2 brothers, Ben Gentry, Stonewall, TN, and Willie Gentry, Baxter; 4 sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Sliger, Ada, OK, Mrs. Tommy Johnson, Baxter, and Mrs. Bill Elmore, Baxter, and Mrs. Joe Hickey, Rt. 2, Baxter; 30 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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**OLLIE FRANCES (BURGESS) GENTRY OBT.**

b. January 04, 1889 – d. July 17, 1969  
d/o Vance DeKalb Burgess (1845-1932) & Susan Florilla Dearing (1845-1921)

Widow of Roe Gentry was buried in the Maxwell Cemetery. Funeral held July 19, 1969 at Baxter Funeral Home.

Survivors, Olney Gentry of Cookeville, Mrs. Alan Neville, Nashville, 6 sons, D. S., Gary and John of Baxter, Harding of Brownsville, Calvin of Memphis and Claude of Cookeville.

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**DOW SNOWDEN GENTRY SR. OBT.**

b. January 06, 1910 – d. July 27, 1971, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN  
s/o Monroe "Roe" Gentry & Ollie Frances Burgess

Funeral services for Dow S. Gentry, 61, of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Baxter, will be held Friday, July 30, 1971 at 2:00 from the Chapel of Baxter Funeral Home. Bro. Talmadge Gentry will be the officiated minister. Burial will be in the Maxwell Cemetery.

Rev. Gentry died July 27 at his home after an extended illness. He was a minister of the Church of God and was born in Putnam County. He was also an honorary member of the Fraternal Order of Police and was a past member of the Baxter Club, and was a merchant in Baxter for approximately 8 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lassie McDonald Gentry of Baxter; 5 sons, Dow S. Gentry, Jr., Maron C. Gentry, Hugh Max Gentry, Paul Thomas Gentry, James Edward Gentry, John Vance Gentry, both of Baxter, Harding Gentry of Brownsville, TN, Calvin Gentry of Memphis, Claud Gentry, of Cookeville; 2 sisters, Mrs. Euna Gentry of Cookeville, Mrs. Allen Neville of Nashville, and 1 granddaughter.

Baxter Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements.

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**CALVIN BEECHER GENTRY OBT.**

b. October 14, 1923, Baxter, October 14, 1923 – d. July 01, 2000, Cookeville, TN

**BAXTER:** Funeral services for Calvin B. Gentry, 70, of Memphis, formerly of Baxter will be held Saturday, May 20, at 1:00 p.m. in the Baxter chapel of Hooper and Huddleston Funeral Home. Burial will be in Smellage Cemetery.

Mr. Gentry died Tuesday, May 16, 1995, in Methodist North Hospital in Memphis.

Son of the late Monroe and Ollie Burgess Gentry, he was born in Baxter on October 14, 1924.

He was the retired owner of Gentry Realty Company and a retired fireman with the Memphis City Fire Department.

His family includes one daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Mark Hamilton of Memphis; one sister, Una Gentry of Cookeville; three brothers, Claude and John V. Gentry Sr., both of Cookeville, and Harding Gentry of Brownsville; and one granddaughter, Chelsey Hamilton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Gylma Johnson Gentry.

Nephews will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends after 3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Bro. Van Gilbert will officiate at the services.

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**GYLMA (JOHNSON) GENTRY OBT.**

b. January 26, 1926, Putnam Co., TN – d. December 13, 1990, Memphis, TN

Funeral services for Gylma Gentry, 64, of Bartlett, Tenn. and formerly of Baxter, were conducted from the chapel of Baxter Funeral Home, Sunday, December 16 at 2 p.m., with Bro. Van Gilbert officiating. Burial was in Smellage Cemetery.

Mrs. Gentry died Thursday, December 13, at Methodist North Hospital in Memphis. A native of Baxter, she was born January 26, 1926, to the late Tommy Alfred and Arlia Frances Cooper Johnson. She was a member of Gragg Avenue Church of Christ in Memphis and a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Calvin Gentry of Bartlett; one daughter, Debbie Hamilton of Memphis; three sisters, Juanita Waller, Selma Johnson and Mabel Jean Waller, all of Baxter; and two brothers, Tommy Johnson of Geneva, N.Y. and Bernes Johnson of Memphis. She was preceded in death by a brother, Lelon C. Johnson.

Baxter Funeral Home was in charge.

**CLAUDE THOMAS GENTRY OBT.**

b. June 23, 1928, Putnam Co., TN – d. July 01, 2000, Cookeville, TN

**COOKEVILLE--** Funeral services for Claude Thomas Gentry, 72, of Cookeville, will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, from the Cookeville chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after 5 p.m. on Monday, July 3, at the funeral home.

Mr. Gentry died on Sunday, July 2, 2000, at his home in Cookeville.

He was born on June 23, 1928, in Putnam County to the late Monroe "Roe" and Ollie Frances Burgess Gentry. He was founder and president of Genco Stamping & Manufacturing Co. in Cookeville. He was active in local, state and national business and civic organizations. In the past, he served as president of the Cookeville/Putnam County Area Chamber of Commerce, president of Cookeville Country Club, Board of Governors of the Tennessee Association of Business for several years, and member of the Tennessee Business Round Table, National Federation of Independent Business and National Association of Manufacturers.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Alma Lee Neville and Una Gentry, and four brothers, Dow, Gray, Calvin and Harding Gentry.

His family includes his wife, Billie Joe Stewart Gentry of Cookeville; two sons, Douglas and Don Gentry, both of Cookeville; one brother, John V. Gentry Sr. of Cookeville; five grandchildren, Tracy Austin, Jason, Charlie, Tommy and Leena Gentry; and one great-child, Jo Claudia Austin.

Active pallbearers will be Eddie, Jimmy and Sonny Gentry, Stewart Allison, Ron Taylor and John Joseph Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lazarus House Hospice, St. Jude Children's Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

Bros. J.V. Lowery and Sterl Paramore will officiate.

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