



Oliver Amis Gentry

December 31, 1932 - April 14, 2010

Oliver Amis "Sonny" Gentry, Jr. passed away Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Mr. Gentry was born December 31, 1932 in Newnan, GA to the late Oliver A. Gentry, Sr. and Raphael Bilbo Gentry. After proudly serving his country in the United States Army, he returned to Newnan and went to work for Goza Motor Company as the sales manager. He later formed Gentry Motor Company and was a Dodge automobile dealer for many years.

Sonny was an active member at First Baptist Church Newnan where he enjoyed serving as an usher for many years. Always civic minded, he proudly served as past-president of the Newnan Civitan Club and was an active member for 35 years. He was Commander of the Alvin Hugh Harris Post #57 and served in many other civic organizations to benefit our community.

He shared his love of collector cars and antiques with his daughter, Anne Marie. He was an avid fan of car racing which he shared with his son, Oliver. He was a wonderful, loving, caring and respectful husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. All who loved him will be left with wonderful memories that will be with each of them forever.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Barbara Anne Gentry.

He is survived by his wife of almost 52 years, Florine Bowen Gentry; son Oliver Amis Gentry, III and his wife Beth; daughter Anne Marie Rowe and her husband, Adam all of Newnan. He had three grandchildren Olivia Gentry,

Genna Gentry and A.J. Rowe. Visitation will be held Thursday evening between 5:00 – 8:00 pm at McKoon Funeral Home. The service will be held Friday, April 16, 2010 at 2:00 pm in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Dr. Jimmy Patterson and Dr. Joel Richardson officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill cemetery. Flowers are welcome. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

APR 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
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<http://www.mckoon.com>

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Miss Florine - I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Sonny. I have great memories of days spent at your home with Debbie. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Jane Fleming

Jane Fleming - April 23, 2010 at 11:31 AM

RB

“ I am deeply sorry to hear about Mr Gentry. He did not know me, but once he worked on my car 15 years ago and I remember what a kind person he was. I remembered how he had shared his love for cars and his town of Newnan with me. I remember that conversation as if it had happend yesterday. Every time I ride by his house I think of him, Its funny our chance meeting many years ago made such an impression on me. Thats the kind of person he was. My prayers go out to all of his family.

Robert Brownlee - April 21, 2010 at 01:25 AM

JS

“ Oliver sorry to hear about Mr. Sonny he was a great man .

John Clark Dixie Speedway - April 20, 2010 at 11:27 AM

K)

“ I am very sorry to hear about Mr Gentry all of you are great people, I lost my dad 4 years ago and I still miss him to this day but I know within my heart he is in a better place and in no more pain, I will keep all of you in my thoughts & prayers. just keep your heads up and keep your faith MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Kay (Cochran)Hemmings - April 20, 2010 at 01:28 AM

JW

“ So sorry about Sonny, just knowing that his pain and suffering are no longer must be comforting....what a sweet man with so many good qualities, he will be greatly missed, but also greatly remembered....we are thinking of you all.....Judi

Judi Worth - April 19, 2010 at 10:41 AM

BM

“ I was sorry to hear about Mr. Sonny passing away. He was a fine man. Linda and I are thinking of his family at this time. Bo Mann

Bo Mann - April 18, 2010 at 03:40 PM

IH

“ Florine and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. I know he will be missed by many people but he is in better place than we are. I'm sorry we were not there for you but we just found out today. I love you and you will be in my prayers. David & Irene Hemmings

Irene Hemmings - April 18, 2010 at 12:25 PM

AB

“ We are so sad to hear about the passing of Mr. Sonny. Your families (the Gentrys and the Bowens) have always shared a special place in our hearts. Mother has so many memories of years gone by. We love you all. We will keep you in our prayers.

Angela Bentley - April 16, 2010 at 10:58 PM

DB

“ Oliver, Anne Marie I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Gentry.. My families thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless David Brunson

David Brunson - April 16, 2010 at 04:58 PM

MF

“ Dear Oliver & Beth, We are so sorry to hear of Mr.Sunny's passing. We know He will be greatly Missed. We will miss his Smiling Face as he delivered parts. But we will all rejoice as see him again in Heaven. Our prayers are with you , in this difficult time. Jack & Tammy Kettyle & Family

Maw&Paw Kettyle (Jack&Tammyand family) - April 16, 2010 at 11:39 AM

BW

“ Oliver & Beth - You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Brian Witcher - April 16, 2010 at 10:52 AM

GW

“ Florine, Anne Marie & Oliver - We are so sorry for your loss. Sonny was a true "southern gentleman" & will be missed by all. Know you are all in our thoughts & prayers in the coming days.

George & Peggy Williams - April 16, 2010 at 10:28 AM

DJ

“ Florine, Oliver and Anne Marie, We were so sorry to hear of Sonny's death. He was a good man. You and your family are in our prayers. God bless your family. God loves you and we do too. Don and Mildred Jones

Don and Mildred Jones - April 16, 2010 at 06:40 AM

SE

“ When our children were young, Sonny and his family were great supporters of our community and school. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sharon Gilbert Ely

Sharon Gilbert Ely - April 15, 2010 at 09:16 PM

RM

“ Miss Florine we are sorry to hear of the passing of the Mr. Sonny. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Oliver, Ann Marie and all the family at this most difficult time.

Ray & Julianne McKnight - April 15, 2010 at 09:09 PM

TS

“ WE ARE SORRY FOR ALL LOSS WE WILL KEEP YOU ALL IN OUR PRAYERS

TIMMY@REBECCA SPRATLIN - April 15, 2010 at 08:42 PM

CH

“ Dear Gentry Family, Our hearts and prayers are with you at this time. Mr Sonny was a very nice man and our family did business with him for many years as well as the florist. Please feel free to call us if we can help in any way.

Cathy and Pat Hunter - April 15, 2010 at 07:20 PM

TM

“ Dear Gentry family, I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Sonny's death. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Theo

Theo Mann - April 15, 2010 at 05:25 PM

TM

“ Dear Gentry family,

Theo Mann - April 15, 2010 at 05:23 PM

WJ

“ *The Gentry Family, Please accept our sympathy and condolences on behalf of the family of Jesse Glazier. My father worked many, many years at Goza and Gentry and respected and thought so much of Sonny. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Wanda Glazier Jones - April 15, 2010 at 03:54 PM

CS

“ *Oliver, Beth, and kids, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Sonny. We will truly miss seeing him delivering parts and talking with him. We wish the best for you all. Stay strong. Coleman Auto Salvage*

Coleman Auto Salvage - April 15, 2010 at 03:43 PM

RB

“ *Oliver ,Anne Marie, and Family we are very sorry to here about Mr. Sonny he was a great man and you are in our prayers during this time. Remember you have lost a love one but there is a new Angle in the heavens to help watch over us. May Mr. Sonny rest in peace. ROBBY & ROBERT BYROM MIKE FITZPATRICK FORD*

Robby & Robert Byrom - April 15, 2010 at 03:29 PM

NW

“ *We send our deepest regrets on the loss of Mr. Sonny...we know your close-knit, loving family will help each other get through this.....may God bless and keep you all...*

Nancy and Frank Williamson - April 15, 2010 at 03:06 PM

SM

“ MRS. GENTRY AND FAMILY, I WISH TO EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR LOSS. THE SHORT TIME I HAVE KNOWN YOU ALL HAVE BEEN A BLESSING FOR ME. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CARE FOR YOUR HUSBAND AND FATHER. MY PRAYER FOR YOU IS THAT YOU KEEP THE PRECIOUS MEMORIES AND SHARE THEM WITH FUTURE GENERATIONS SO THAT MR. SONNY'S SPIRIT CAN LIVE ON IN THEM. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU ALWAYS, YOURS TRULY,SUSIE MACK: LPN FOR NEWNAN HEALTH AND REHAB CENTER(BEAULIEU)

Susie Mack - April 15, 2010 at 01:49 PM

LP

“ MRS. GENTRY, WE ARE SO SORRY FOR THE LOST OF MR. SONNY. WE WILL BE THINKING OF YOU AND OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. SINCERELY, LARRY & CAROLE

Larry@Carole Payton - April 15, 2010 at 01:31 PM

PF

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Sonny passing away. He was a very nice man.

Pat Webb Franks - April 15, 2010 at 12:57 PM

DO

“ We want you to know that our thoughts aand prayers are with each of you. You all are such a sweet family... the love and support of each other will see you through this difficult time.

Debbie & Roger Olmstead - April 15, 2010 at 12:42 PM

TC

“ Dear Gentry Family, I am sorry to hear of your loss of dear Sonny. He will be sadly missed by many I know. Travis

Travis Cheek - April 15, 2010 at 11:02 AM

SF

“ We are very saddened on the loss of Sonny. He was a great man and will be greatly missed. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this sad time. He is at peace now. Hudon and girls, Carol, Reba, Debbie and Cathy

Smith Family - April 15, 2010 at 10:46 AM

SF

“ We are vey saddened on the loss of Sonny. He was a great man and will be greatly missed. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers and you go through this sad time. He is at peace now.

Smith Family - April 15, 2010 at 10:37 AM

TG

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the Gentry family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. Sonny was a respectable and remarkable man who left his impression on everyone who knew him. God Bless you all. Love, The Gahring Family

Tim and Mary Gahring - April 15, 2010 at 10:21 AM

ST

“ Our entire family is saddened by the loss of "Sonny" The relationship goes back to the friendship of "Mr. Emil" and " Mr. Oliver" and " Miss Ralph". They were close friends and that friendship continued through the years with Susie's' and my relationship with "Sonny" and Florine, and the relationship of Oliver and Anne Marie with our children. Happily, the ties that have bound our families through the years continues as we watch Beth, Oliver, Olivia and Genna continue the strong legacy that everyone respects. " Sonny" will be missed but not forgotten. Our love and prayers are with you.

Susie and Jimmy Thomasson - April 15, 2010 at 09:57 AM

VR

“ Talking to my dad, Tuelan Camp, this morning and he told me about Mr. Sonny's passing; I am so very sorry. Our heart, and love, go out to your family during this most difficult time. Your family has been such a wonderful part of so many lives, serving in so many ways. Mr. Sonny will be missed. Valerie Camp Roach and family

Valerie Camp Roach - April 15, 2010 at 09:18 AM

RP

“ Dear Florine, what fond memories we have when we would attend the Civitan Conventions together! And all the cars that Sonny sold us! He was kind, and generous and our hearts are filled with love for him and your family. We pray that God will give you, Oliver, and Anne Marie peace at such a difficult time. Love, Ray and Gerrie

Ray and Gerrie Petty - April 15, 2010 at 09:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Florine, Anne Marie, and Oliver, We were saddened to hear about Sonny. Our memories of him and his kindnesses to us are fond ones that will continue to be cherished by each of us. We will always remember him whirling his beloved "bride" around the dance floor at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration with the love light still shining in his eyes for her after all that time. Please know you are in our thoughts, hearts, and prayers. Maxine & Billy

Maxine & Billy Pinson - April 15, 2010 at 08:07 AM

JB

“ Dear Oliver and Beth, We are so very sorry to hear of your father's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With sympathy, Jimmy, Karen, Jessica, and Ryan Barber

Jimmy and Karen Barber - April 15, 2010 at 07:14 AM

RW

“ Dear Florine and Family, I am praying for you all as you go through this valley in your lives. I know that God's Sweet Peace will comfort you in the days ahead.

Rena Walker - April 15, 2010 at 03:13 AM

JW

“ so sorry for your loss. sonny was a good man.

johnny and penny wilson - April 14, 2010 at 09:11 PM

JT

“ We are saddened to hear of Mr. Sonny's passing. We will keep you all in our prayers. Love, Jim & Jennifer Thomasson

Jim and Jennifer Thomasson - April 14, 2010 at 08:34 PM

SD

“ You will never know what it meant to us as two young homesick kids nearly 25 years ago to have met such a wonderful family who welcomed us not only to Newnan, but also into their family. We can not say thank you enough for your kindness over the years or all of those Christmas dinners we enjoyed with you. We won't ever forget them. Sonny's love for his family was beyond measure, and I can still hear him calling the florist and asking, "Where's my bride?" May God be with you all during this difficult time, and may you find comfort in knowing that Sonny is now at peace and will be missed by so many. With our love, Sheri, Todd and family

Sheri & Todd Dillinger - April 14, 2010 at 08:05 PM

JH

“ I am very sorry to hear of your loss, please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. You all have been so wonderful to my family thru the years, if anything is needed, please do not hesitate to ask me. With Love, Jennifer Justiss Humphries

Jennifer Humphries - April 14, 2010 at 03:55 PM

SC

“ Extending my heartfelt sympathy to Florine, Anne Marie, and Oliver and entire family. He was a gentle giant and will always be a wonderful part of my family's memory-book. Always such a great father who took Oliver and my son, Jim, under his wing to transport little mini-bikes back and forth for their 6-yr. old pleasure! Rest in peace, Sonny

Suzanne Swanson Cochran - April 14, 2010 at 02:31 PM

VR

“ Anne Marie and family, Heartfelt sympathy to all of you as you grieve and celebrate the life of Mr. Gentry. I know you will always cherish the wonderful memories you shared and that will keep him close in heart and thought. What a wonderful man and what a giving human being. There is a special place for him now. May God Bless you all with peace and love.

Vickie Reisdorf - April 14, 2010 at 02:13 PM

CG

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr.Sonny. He was a very kind and caring man. Stanley & I will keep your family in our prayers.

Connie Gentry - April 14, 2010 at 02:11 PM

EL

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.....we will miss Mr. Sonny.

Emeline and Edward Loughlin - April 14, 2010 at 12:50 PM

PH

“ Florine, Ollie & Anne, I cannot express how deeply I feel your loss. I send my love and prayers to each of you. Pauline

Pauline Harris - April 14, 2010 at 12:45 PM

CM

“ The Gentry Family, We are sorry to hear about your Mr. Gentry. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Chris and Jennifer Harmon
Wolfmans Muffler Center Newnan

Chris and Jennifer Harmon (Wolfmans Mufflers) - April 14, 2010 at 11:54 AM