



Melba Louise Gentry

April 18, 1935 - July 12, 2014

Melba Ewing Gentry Melba Ewing Gentry passed away at her home in Huntsville Texas on July 10, 2014. Melba was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas on April 18, 1935 to D.L. and Della Ewing. She grew up in Hot Springs until she met the love of her life, Paul Gentry. Paul and Melba were married in Durant, Oklahoma in February of 1956. Melba followed her Army Officer husband around the world for the next 26 years. She volunteered in Army hospitals, entertained, and supported him in over 14 locations. The consummate Army wife, Melba not only supported him at home but through two tours in Vietnam. Melba was also an Army mother and grandmother, supporting three generations of her Soldiers (husband, son, and grandson) in combat. Melba was not only a loving wife but very patient mother to two boys, Mike and Don to whom she passed on her love of Jesus and her love of life. Both of her sons grew to fine young men and served their country in the Army. They both appreciate her love and support of them and their families. Melba was preceded in death by her mother and father, Della and DL Ewing and her brothers, Dan "Sonny" Ewing and Charles Ewing. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Paul Gentry; son Mike and his wife Carolyn of College Station, Texas; and son Don and his wife Patti of Cedar Park, Texas. She is also survived by her sister Mary Ewing Smith of Carrollton, Texas. Melba had 5 Grandchildren and 6 Great Grandchildren: Melissa Gentry Knox, and her daughter Gwendolyn Cory Gentry Robby Gentry and wife, Molly, and their daughters Callie and Sadie Candace Gentry O'Hearn and husband Conor and

their children Darby, Kyler and Carson Preston Gentry and wife, Christina In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the building fund of Elkins Lake Baptist Church of Huntsville, Texas. The family will receive friends Friday, July 11, 2014 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Service will be held Saturday, July 12, 2014 at Elkins Lake Baptist Church in Huntsville, Texas with interment to follow at Brooke Cemetery in Huntsville, Texas. Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Melba Louise Gentry*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Paul, sorry to read about Melba. She was a kind lady and a good friend as well as you to my parents. God bless you and your family during this difficult time. Holly*

Holly Pichette - July 17, 2014 at 01:34 PM



“ *Dear Mike, Carolyn, and Paul*

*I am so sorry for your loss.
Miss Melba loved her family deeply.
She was beautiful and fun and deeply spiritual.
I send my love and prayers to all of you.
Beth*

Beth L Roe - July 15, 2014 at 10:09 AM



“ *Mrs. Gentry was always so sweet. Her pleasant and comforting smile will be missed.*

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - July 12, 2014 at 06:04 PM

PA

“ I was greatly saddened to hear of Melba's passing. My sincere condolences. She was a dear friend, great lady and supporting Army wife. I regret that I will not be able to attend her funeral.
Charles Davenport

Paul, - July 11, 2014 at 05:06 PM

JS

“ Paul, We were so saddened to hear about Melba's passing. Melba was one of the most kind and gentle person that I have ever known. We will all miss her and wanted you to know that you and the family will be in our prayers.

Judy & Vic Sower

Judy Sower - July 11, 2014 at 12:23 PM

NJ

“ Col. Gentry, I am so sorry to read of Melba's death. You both were so very nice to me while I was the Alumni Director. Have thought of both of you so often. My prayers are with you and your family!
Norma Dell Jones of Lovelady, formerly of Huntsville.

Norma Dell Jones - July 11, 2014 at 11:23 AM

VS

“ Paul,

Our sincere condolences on Melba's passing. Melba was a wonderful woman and we will miss her. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Vic & Judy Sower

Vic & Judy Sower - July 11, 2014 at 10:59 AM