



Marie K. Gentry

January 17, 1925 - July 7, 2009

Marie Gentry January 17, 1925 July 7, 2009 God brought a beautiful person, Marie Gentry, into this world for all of us to experience and enjoy. God took her peacefully home to be with him on Tuesday, July 7, 2009. At 84, Marie remained a simple yet strong woman of faith. She was a mother to all those she encountered. She was a good teacher of life and hope. Her compassion for others was exemplified in all the lives she touched, not to mention her 22 year career at the VA hospital caring for others. Her heart of gold touched everyone. Marie was born in Topeka, KS on January 17, 1925 and Baptized at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Her family was German immigrants that moved to Russia to farm the land when invited by the Queen. They escaped Russia when the Queen died and there was civil unrest. Her and her 13 siblings were first generation Americans. When her brothers joined the Army during WWII, she had to leave school at 8th grade to work the family beet farm in the mid-west. She married young and had five children. She is survived by four of her five children; Daniel Gentry of Wickenburg, AZ, Larry Gentry of Glen Eden, OR, Donna McLaird of Vancouver, WA, and Pamela Simonsen of Vancouver, WA. She is also survived by one brother, Joseph Resch of Fresno, CA, 19 grandchildren, and 22 great grandchildren. Her loves in life included spending time with her children and grandchildren, dancing, strawberry ice cream, bread with butter and jam, and visits with family to reflect on stories of the past. She lived her life as her father guided: Do all you can do today, tomorrow is unknown. All of us will remember you as a loving mother, sister, friend,

grandmother, and great grandmother. Mostly our guardian angel! I will miss you and will reflect on your wisdom throughout my life. God Bless You Mom, may you be dancing with angels and feel the soft breeze of their wings. I love you, Donna. Marie's Family: Daniel, Larry, Donna, Pamela, Barb, Nancy, Shelly, Robert, Jerry, Matt, Mike, DeLina, DeAnna, LyAnnette, Kenneth, Shelli, Tonya, Megan, Andrea, Rachele, Christina, Davin, Robert Jr., Thomas, Joshua, Brandon, Curtis, Nicolas, Michael Jr., Kenneth, Cody, Alexander, Hailey, Danny, Dusty, Spencer, Alieah, Auzsha, Panda, Andon, Penelope, and Brock. A Funeral Mass service will be held at Our Lady of Lord's Catholic Church, Vancouver, WA on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow the service at the church with graveside services at Evergreen Memorial Gardens at 2:00 p.m. Flowers can be sent to Evergreen Memorial Gardens on Tuesday, July 14 for viewing and services Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Marie's name to the American Diabetes Association.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:42 PM

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“ *I was a member of staff at Fort Vancouver that cared for Marie. It's been more than a decade since her passing, yet this morning, I've woken and thought about her. I don't have profound memories of her like a family member, but I do know that God was in her life. It's a bit late, but I felt compelled to post my experience with Marie on her last day.*

I helped her get ready to leave the facility on her last day. Getting her dressed and what not. Marie was in good cheer and it was a normal early morning, save one detail.

For whatever reason, that last morning together, I looked over at a rosary on her bedside table. I had never asked her before and had never thought to do so, but I asked her if she would like to take it with her. Marie stated that she would like to take it with her and that was that.

I was struck by how profound God's influence can be in the most subtle of ways. And...Marie was smiling that morning. I've never forgotten.

J Stephens - December 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Pamela, it's times like this that you need to remember that your friends are here for you whenever you need them. Your mother sounded like a amazing woman. My heart is with you today.*

Danielle Hayter - July 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Aunt Marie was always so sweet. Full of love. It didn't matter that we lived across the country from each other, she always greeted us with open arms. Her passing means she is with my mom and her other siblings. I can just imagine the reunion! It is difficult to lose a mom, my heart goes out to you. Love Cindy

Cindy Strniste (Brandorff) - July 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time of sorrow.

John Resch, Jim & Jean Resch, Rosalee Spahr - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Your mom Marie was a much loved sister to my mom Helen Kugler. I remember her with very warm memories. My heart goes out to you for your loss. Now my mothers only living sibling is her brother Joe. Its soo hard coping with the loss of a mother they are the glue that holds families together. My prayers are with you! Deborah & Wendell Tobaben

Deborah (Kugler) Tobaben - July 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM