



Barbara Jane Francis Gentry

August 12, 1928 - June 29, 2020

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WALNUT COVE

Barbara Jane Francis Gentry, 91, passed away at her home on June 29, 2020, after a lengthy battle with C.O.P.D.

Barbara was born in Haywood County, NC to the late Charles and Leila Francis on August 12, 1928, the fifth of six children. She graduated from Waynesville High School and Meredith College, where she majored in Sociology. Her first job as a social worker brought her to Stokes County, NC, where she met her future husband, Jack Gentry. She spent the next 25 years working in Stokes and Forsyth Counties in Social Services as a social worker and social work supervisor.

Until her health no longer allowed, Barbara was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church in Walnut Cove, NC. She participated in the Episcopal Church Women's Organization, contributing to several charitable organizations. In her younger years, she looked forward to her weekly bridge club, forming lifelong friendships. However, her children's activities and interests always came first.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 68 years, Jack D. Gentry, of the home; daughter, Mary-Francis Pulliam (Mark) of King, NC; sons, Jack D. Gentry, Jr. (Laura) of Lexington, VA and David C. Gentry (Susan) of Walnut Cove, NC. Barbara is also survived by 9 grandchildren, Kent Gatewood (Tricia) of Smithfield, NC, Nick Gatewood of King, NC, Jake Gentry (Ann) of Lexington, VA, Zach Pulliam (Jessica) of Charlotte, NC, Cheston Pulliam of King, NC, Millie Goodnight (Andy) of Boone, NC, Charles Gentry of Boone, NC, John Gentry of Hendersonville, NC, and Laura Pulliam of King, NC ;as well as five great-grandchildren, Kason and Delaney Gatewood, Gentry Gatewood, and Chessie and Deacon Gentry. She is also survived by her brother, Wade Francis, of Waynesville, NC and numerous nieces and nephews who remained loving and attentive.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her brothers, Walter, Arthur, and Hugh and a sister, Elizabeth.

A private family inurnment service will be held, Friday, June 3rd at Walnut Cove Cemetery with Rev. Dr. Robert B. Cook, Jr. officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Christ Episcopal Church, 412 Summit St.

Walnut Cove, NC 27052.

The family would like to thank Mountain Valley Hospice and caregivers, Rhonda Evans and Susan Karr for their special kindness and care these past months.

Online condolences may be made at www.burroughsfuneralhome.com

Burroughs Funeral Home, Walnut Cove is honored to be serving the Gentry family.

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JUL Private Family Inurnment

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Walnut Cove Cemetery

947 N. Main St., Walnut Cove, NC, US, 27052

Comments



“ Jack, Mary-Frances, Jackie, and David,
I am so very sorry to learn of Barbara's death. Her presence was such an important part of my growing up years in Walnut Cove. She always meant so much to Joem, as your whole family meant to all us Tuttle. Sending all my sympathy.
Donna (Tuttle) Emmaryf

Donna Emmaryf - July 06 at 09:41 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. She and Mom were such good friends and I always enjoyed our visits when she came to see Mom. Give my love to Jack.

Jean Tuttle Tedder - July 06 at 09:39 AM



“ To the entire Gentry family: My heart is very sad! I am happy that Barbara is no longer in pain; but, sad that a sweet, good woman is no longer among us. She has always been kind to me and since I met her in 1968 my love for her has only grown. Rest in peace! Love you. Bonnie

Bonnie Parks - July 03 at 04:44 PM



“ Mary Francis, Jack and David,

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. You and your families are in my thoughts and my prayers, as is your father.

Sue Gibson Hand
Charlotte, NC

Susan G Hand - July 02 at 11:46 AM



“ Jack, Mary Francis, Jack Jr. and David,

I was very sorry to hear of Barbara's passing. I always thought a lot of Barbara as well as Jack. She was well thought of by everyone in Walnut Cove and I never heard her say a bad thing about anyone. She always looked forward to me bring her and Jack tomatoes and I always made sure they got some. If I can be of assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Mark W. Young
Walnut Cove, N.C.

MARK W. YOUNG - July 01 at 09:47 PM



“ Barbara was a lovely woman - very kind-hearted and a wonderful person. She will be missed. Condolences to the family.

Samra Childers - July 01 at 03:15 PM



“ I and my family will miss Barbara so much! I cared for her for 3yrs 4mths. It seems like a long time but today it doesn't seem long enough.
I'm heart hurts but my mind knows she rejoicing and not in pain. Thought and Prayer for her family.

Rhonda Evans - June 30 at 01:26 PM



“ Barbara was my second mother growing up in Walnut Cove. She was a wonderful person. I'm so glad we were able to visit with her and Jack not too very long ago. She will be missed. Mary Francis, Jack (ie) and David I am so sorry for your loss.

Marcia Helsabeck Elliker - June 29 at 08:48 PM