



# Gentry, Mary "Frances" Holt

1934-2019

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Mary "Frances" Gentry, 85, of Paradise, went to be with our Lord Sunday, March 31, 2019, in Decatur.

Funeral was April 2 at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport with burial in Cottondale Cemetery. Weston D. Gentry officiated.

Pallbearers included Dalton George, Hunter George, Bryce Shetter, Josh Gentry, Dillon Gentry, Jaxen Harrington, Aaron Shetter, Caiden Shetter, Micah Gentry and Scout Schiffbauer.

Frances was born March 24, 1934, to Carl Wesley and Natalie Marie (Beville) Holt in Bridgeport. She was united in marriage to Willard

Gentry June 21, 1952, in Fort Worth. Frances was co-owner of Best Custom Homes, a beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents; great-grandson Braylon Scott Shetter; and brother Thurman Lee Holt.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her husband of 66 years, Willard Gentry of Paradise; sons James W. Gentry of Cottondale, Russel W. Gentry of Cottondale and Brad Gentry and wife, Rayanne, of Cottondale; daughter Jo Elaine Gentry of Cottondale; grandchildren Amanda M. Shetter, Melissa N. Read, Phillip J. Black, Jeremy S. Black, Jenny M. Gentry, Josh M. Gentry, Weston D. Gentry, Maranda Read and Alexandria Fowler; 14-and-a-half great-grandchildren; brother Theron Holt and wife, Janie, of Paradise; sisters Norma Pearl Holt of Bridgeport, Carol Richardson of Paradise, Carla Jan Wood of Paradise and Connie Holt of Georgetown; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

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