



**Gentry, Lorene Yvonne (Niblett)**

1933-2023

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Lorene Yvonne Gentry, a retired homemaker and business woman, was born Aug. 9, 1933, to Claude and Ruby Niblett in Agnes. She married Donald (Don) Isaac Gentry on July 29, 1951. They have been married for more than 71 years and have lived in Paradise and Cottondale during their married years. She is descended from great-great grandparents who settled in Wise County prior to 1845.

Her funeral is 2 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church in Cottondale, with buriaat Cottondale Cemetery. Family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Charles Pugh will officiate. Pallbearers are Sam Gentry, Kason Gentry, Chance Gentry, Matthew Weeden, Jason Gentry and Timothy Gentry. Honorary Pallbearer is Billy G. Read.

Lorene graduated from Paradise High School in 1951. After getting married, she was active in several family-owned businesses, including Boyd Feed Store, D&D Grocery, Boyd Hardware and DIG Ranch. She and Don were a farming family for their entire married life and made it a priority to support their local community, church, schools and organizations. Lorene was well known in the genealogy community and was active in Paradise Young Homemakers chapter, PTA and 4-H Club leadership, while also supporting Don in his activities as Young Farmer and Soil Conservation activities.

They traveled extensively, attending farm and ranching conventions and international farm tours. They were founding members of the First Baptist Church of Cottondale since 1955. Lorene was best known for home-cooked meals and baked goods. There was always a place at their table for folks who worked on the ranch, visiting and resident preachers, neighbors and associates.

Lorene is survived by her husband; daughter, Donna Weeden of Cottondale; sons Glenn Gentry and wife, Jean, Roger Gentry and wife, Carla, all of Cottondale, and Gary Gentry and wife, Sherry, of Decatur. She is also survived by Eland Delgado, her great-grandson, who has managed the ranch and her personal care for several years. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Edna Wood of Paradise. She is preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter, Shonna Perry; and great-granddaughter, Kyndall Gentry.

Donations may be made to Wise County Historical Society, Inc., Paradise Historical Society, Inc. or First Baptist Church of Cottondale in lieu of flowers.

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