



Carrolaine Gentry White

January 17, 1922 - August 2, 2016

Carrolaine Gentry White, 94, of Kensett, Arkansas, left this life for her Heavenly Home August 2, 2016. She was born January 17, 1922, to Roy Jefferson Gentry and Willma Vada Hughes Gentry in Letona, Arkansas. Mrs. White is survived by her daughter, Katie White Barnett and husband, Danny Barnett of Searcy, Arkansas; granddaughter, Rebekah Martin and husband, Grant Martin, of Maumelle, Arkansas; grandson, Daniel Barnett and wife, Christy, of Searcy, Arkansas; sister, Marjorie Gentry Williams of Kensett, Arkansas; five great grandchildren, Kaleb Barnett, Conner Barnett, Chloe Martin, Mollie Barnett, and Luke Martin; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Mrs. White was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Roy Jonathan Gentry; and a sister, Katie Mae Gentry. Mrs. White was a retired teacher. She began her teaching career immediately after high school with an emergency teaching certificate. She first taught at one room schools in Smyrna and Plainview in White County, Arkansas. Later and as a young mother she obtained her professional teaching degrees, BSE and MSE, from Harding University. Her teaching career began at Kensett Elementary School where she became a legend among her students because she first cared for and loved them and then taught them through the use of many techniques, one of which included textbooks. The love and respect from her students is evident today by visiting her Facebook page. Mrs. White was a life-long, active member of the Kensett United Methodist Church. She served as Youth Director and Pianist some times during her lifetime. She was a truly faithful

Christian, loved God and her fellow man. Mrs. White was a member of the Kensett Order of the Eastern Star for 52 years and the Pangburn Order of the Eastern Star. She served as Worthy Matron numerous times in both. Mrs. White spent her life on the farm on which her husband, Bob, was born and grew up. After World War II, they made their home on the farm which they purchased from his parents and surrounding land owners to complete their farm which is still in operation today by her daughter and son-in-law. Mrs. White was a loving, peaceful person. She cherished her family and treasured her five great grandchildren who called her Mimmie. She was a gentle lady in every way. She tried to live by the Golden Rule and the Serenity Prayer with a very strong faith in God. To the family, she left a legacy of love, kindness, morality, honesty, faith, hard work, pride and much more. The world is more beautiful because she was here. Mrs. White was blessed with an amazing memory until her death. The family considered her the 'family historian' because she still remembered 'who was who' and 'whose they were' for generations past. At the request of Katie, she spent hours after Bob's death compiling journals of her family history and memories and special times of the lives of generations past and present. She loved to revisit and share her family legacies time and time again. Mrs. White was an amazing poet. Her poetry was compiled by her granddaughter, Rebekah, and labeled as 'Mimmie's Scribbles'. They were inspired by her daily life experiences with God, family, country and nature. As scrapbooking became popular, Mrs. White used her poetry as the central theme for each page. Her scrapbook stands second to none and is a beautiful history of her life and family. Although not an accomplished athlete in her younger years at about "5 feet tall but fast", she loved to watch all types of sports, especially tennis, on TV. After the death of Bob, she returned to her enjoyment of embroidering. For months she has embroidered for each family couple and each great grandchild a set of 'praying hands' pillow cases. She also gave special people to her a set of embroidered flowery pillowcases. Above all, she loved those drop-in visits by her grandchildren and great grandchildren, family gatherings and writing to

her "Bobby" in a special journal. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Kensett United Methodist Church. Visitation will be at the Powell Funeral Home in Searcy, Arkansas on Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. at White County Memorial Garden in Searcy. Everyone is invited to attend both or either. Memorials may be made to the Kensett United Methodist Church, P. O. 688, Kensett, Arkansas 72082. Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road and Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

AUG 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kensett United Methodist Church
Kensett, AR

Graveside Service

AUG 6. 1:30 PM (CT)

White County Memorial Gardens
Eastline Road and Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall

DT

“ *Katie, I just learned of your mother's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a precious lady that will be missed by many. JR and I have you and your family in our prayers. May God's peace be with you. Dianne Thomas*

Dianne Thomas - August 20, 2016 at 09:44 AM

AB

“ *ADDIE BANKS lit a candle in memory of Carroline Gentry White*



ADDIE BANKS - August 07, 2016 at 07:40 PM

ES

“ *My deepest sympathies on the lost of this wonder lady, she was a jewel of a teacher, around 1978-79, my daughter had her in second grade, that year was a very tramatic year for my daughter as she had some tremendous health issues, Ms White worked with us and helped in every way to aid in her recovery. She was like a Mother Hen to my baby, and I always so appreciated her for all she did... She was one of the good ones, and such a blessing to me, and my daughter... She left a wonderful legacy of a good life... I feel blessed to have know her....*

Edith Kitts Seger - August 05, 2016 at 11:59 AM



“ *Mrs White was a favorite teacher. She inspired me. She wrote on my report card that I talked too much. And took us on a field trip to her house. Memories I will always cherish of a great lady.* ”



Rebecca Ellard - August 04, 2016 at 10:30 PM

MM

“ *I really got to know Mr & Mrs White eating breakfast at Bobby's Restaurant on the square in Searcy. She was always so kind & I remember her telling me about grand or great grandbabies being born, she was so proud. I have know of them for a long time having known their son-in-law from ball games. The White's were very kind & I enjoyed my talks with them some. Prayers for this family.* ”

Mary Mergenschroer - August 04, 2016 at 07:55 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Carroline Gentry White.* ”



August 04, 2016 at 05:59 PM

JW

“ *John and Hannia White purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carroline Gentry White.* ”



John and Hannia White - August 04, 2016 at 05:57 PM

JW

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JOHN WHITE - August 04, 2016 at 03:02 PM

JW

Uncle Bob and Aunt Caroline from Uncle John's Award event. Taken by John White.

JOHN WHITE - August 04, 2016 at 03:07 PM

LM

“ *I am very saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. White. Although I wasn't privileged to have her as a teacher myself, as I believe she took a leave from Kensett Elementary School to advance her education when I would have had her, most of my siblings and my nephews and nieces had her, and they all loved her very much. She was a most kind and gracious lady who will be missed by so many. Deepest condolences to the family.*

*Larry McFadden
Piggott, AR*

Larry McFadden - August 04, 2016 at 02:34 PM

RF

“ *Rosemary White Eaton and family. purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Carrolinne Gentry White.*



Rosemary White Eaton and family. - August 04, 2016 at 12:34 PM

RE

“ We do not choose our family, but if I could have chosen, I could not have done better than the wonderful woman my Aunt Carroline was. She always reminded me, I was loved. I never was one to plan ahead, but she never complained if I showed up unexpected and made time to visit. I will miss you, but you will always live in my heart. She looked so at peace in this picture of her and Uncle Bob sitting with Granny and my father. I'm thinking that is you Katie in Granny's arms. Uncle Big'in loved his family and all his nephews and nieces. A hug from him to you too to let you know they have her safe and under the wings of the angels.



Rosemary Eaton - August 04, 2016 at 11:54 AM

RC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. I will always remember Ms. White fondly and have wonderful memories of many times spent with you all during the younger years! She leaves behind a wonderful family and I know you will all be a great source of comfort and support to one another. “My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” The Kerr Family- Britton, R'cell, Dakota, Elizabeth and Landry

Rcell - August 04, 2016 at 09:08 AM