



## Paul Allen Gentry

October 14, 1948 - January 23, 2022

Paul Allen Gentry, 73, of Petersburg, IL passed away on Sunday, January 23, 2022, at his home. He was born on October 14, 1948, in Springfield, IL to Paul Everett and Margaret Juanita (Hamrick) Gentry. Paul Married Karen Woods on May 23, 1984, in Springfield.

Paul is survived by his wife of 37 years, Karen; seven children, James Eugene (Nicki Hess) Langley of Springfield, Gale Eugene Langley of Oakford, Michelle Lynn (Matthew) Langley Vogt of Petersburg, Melissa Jean (Michael) Gentry Alexander of Springfield, Michael Allen (Heather Coffey) Gentry of Oakford, Paul Allen (Cheryl) Gentry Jr., Michael Shane (April) Gentry, both of McAlester, OK; 20 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; siblings Louise Margaret (George) Gentry Clark of New Berlin, Sandra Leona (Larry) Gentry Heinrich of Rochester, Myril Lee Gentry of Springfield, Marilyn Jean Gentry of Rochester, Emma Mae Gentry Simmons of Kincaid, Anna Marie Gentry Hartley of Springfield, David Fred Gentry of Petersburg, William Charles Gentry of Springfield, Judy Irene Gentry of Springfield; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Daniel Andrew James Barlow; and his siblings Ed Lee Gentry, Ernest Everett Gentry, Nellie Pauline Gentry Reno, and Nancy Rose Gentry. Paul was a man of the Baptist faith. He owned and operated Gentry Trucking for 37 years. His hobbies included car shows, racing at Shaheen's Racetrack in Springfield, collecting antiques, helping others, and socializing, but most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held for Paul on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL at 10:00 AM. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 9:00 Am to 10:00 AM. Pastor Rob Gallion will officiate. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg. Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com)  
Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

Petersburg, IL 62675

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral

JAN 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana  
217 North Plum Street  
P.O. Box #648  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-2244  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Allen Gentry*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Melinda Ballinger lit a candle in memory of Paul Allen Gentry*



**Melinda Ballinger** - January 28, 2022 at 07:52 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Gentry.*



January 26, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Gentry.*



January 25, 2022 at 06:15 PM

LM

“ I have so many memories as a child omg tears roll down my eyes today when I herd the news Lori Crenshaw took this very hard Paul Gentry you was my favorite I love you dear to my heart my prayers goes out to Karen and family May God bless each everyone of you I'm so sorry for your lost now my mom is there with him he gain his wings may he fly high I love you all..peace out to you ❤️❤️❤️ I never for get memories I hold in my heart ❤️❤️❤️

Lori Moore - January 25, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of Paul Allen Gentry.



January 24, 2022 at 11:24 PM

MB

“ Karen, Jim and family. We are so sorry for your loss. It doesn't seem possible that he's gone. We honestly thought as stubborn as he was he would outlive us all. We'll always remember his laugh, and smile. How he loved to stir he pot and then cackle and tell us he had to go now. How helpful he was when we needed something. Our deepest condolences to the entire family.

Mr and Mrs Davy Berkshire - January 24, 2022 at 07:52 PM

SE

Dear Karen, Our deepest condolences ... 🙏❤️🙏  
Our prayers are with you and your family. Love, Allen and Sharon Entwistle

Sharon Entwistle - January 25, 2022 at 10:38 AM

MW

“ Karen and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed visiting with Paul. I'm so happy I got to see him a couple of weeks ago at the Farmhouse. May he Rest In Peace

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**Marilyn Whitley** - January 24, 2022 at 05:12 PM

BS

“ I'll never forget the first time I met Paul! Quite a character for sure! He was a salt of the earth kind of guy and a man I'll never forget! I was blessed to know him! RIP Mr Gentry!

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**Bill & Deb Singer** - January 24, 2022 at 04:27 PM

CS

I have known Paul for over 50 years he was someone you never forgot  
RIP Paul Karen my prayers are for you an all the kids

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**Colleen Schroll** - January 24, 2022 at 06:08 PM