



Carl Nelson Gentry

April 17, 1943 - June 8, 2023

Saluda, SC

Carl Gentry

Carl Nelson Gentry, 80, passed away June 8, 2023, at Saluda Nursing Home.

Born in Saluda County, he was the son of the late Sam and Ethel Goodman Gentry. He was a retired supervisor at Columbia Nitrogen and previously served in the Army National Guard of South Carolina. He attended Dean's Chapel.

Surviving are a son, David Gentry (Tanya) of Saluda, two sisters, Judy Long and Susan Long both of Saluda, four grandchildren Alicia Shealy (Donnie), Kristin Pegueros (Chupon), Chris Ward (Brittany) and David C. "Cole" Gentry Jr. (Sanyia), two great-grandchildren, Kitty Castro, Beau Gentry, and a sister-in-law Debra Gentry.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Ralph Riley and the Saluda Nursing Home Staff for their loving care and compassion.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 11, 2023, at Hickory Grove Advent Christian Church Cemetery with Rev. Ray Southerland

officiating. The family will receive friends after the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Saluda Nursing Center, PO Box 398, Saluda, SC 29138.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Advent Christian Church Cemetery

340 Hickory Grove Rd.
Saluda, SC 29138

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hickory Grove Advent Christian Church Cemetery
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visitation following graveside service

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Tribute Wall

GG

“NELLY! That was the name on his personalized South Carolina license plate for many years. That license plate served many different vehicles over the years, too. Nelson was well-known for changing vehicles frequently so that he always had a reliable ride.

During the years that he was “part” of the Goff family (extended), Nelson’s presence was constant and welcoming. Many liked his outgoing personality. He was quite the socialite and one of the friendlier people I ever met. Nelly was a great conversationalist. He was so engaging.

Nelson was also very generous financially. No one could argue about his generosity!

Whenever we had family get-togethers, cook-outs, etc., Nelson was typically present. He would often bring a dish or condiments, too. He even hosted the family for grill-outs a few times. One of his favorite locations for a Goff-family get-together was at Uncle Elton’s and Aunt Lois’ lake house. Nelson often referred to it as “Uncle Bedenbaugh’s.” Nelson enjoyed riding in the pontoon. He usually made sure he got a trip on it every 4th of July!

Speaking of the 4th of July, Nelson always brought a plentiful supply of fireworks! He did enjoy fireworks as did many in the Goff family. Sometimes we would set them off down at the lake. Other times we would set them off in town (Saluda).

I will never forget the occasion (I think it was in 2001) in which we were shooting fireworks in town. Again, Nelson provided a generous supply! We had to have been shooting them off for close to an hour (there were so many). Anyway, one of the neighbors drove by, stopped in the street, rolled down the window, and said (to the effect), “Don’t y’all know when enough is enough?! Y’all are being so loud and noisy this late at night! I am going to drive up to the police station and report you!” Nelson responded, “And just what are you going to tell them? That we are out here shooting fireworks on

the 4th of July? Tell you what. Why don't you go tell the police that we are shooting fireworks in my yard on the 4th of July. Then, stop back by here and tell me what they told you!" That angry neighbor became even more perturbed, drove away, and never returned. Nelson's response made all the sense in the world.

When I found out about his passing, I was saddened (like everyone else who knew Nelson). Yet, I could not help but reminisce about the many occasions and activities in which he was involved during his time in the Goff family (extended).

I can still see him on his four-wheeler. I recall he once had four-wheeler stolen right out of his garage. I can see him up at the annual Hollywood farm and machinery sale (every March). He used that four wheeler to get around the Hollywood School community quite a bit.

I moved away from Saluda in January 2005. When I returned to visit, I would often see Nelson sitting in that rocking chair on his front porch as I drove by. I would toot the horn and he would always wave. I even stopped by a time or two to pay a visit. Nelly was always welcoming.

When he was admitted into the Saluda Nursing Center, I never saw him again. Mom would see him sometimes (she worked as a hair stylist at the facility). She said he was his same ole self – friendly, conversational, energetic, and outgoing. Nelson Gentry had that constant throughout his life! Rest in peace, Nelly!

Gregory (Gregg) Goff - June 25, 2023 at 06:21 PM

BN

“ *Bettye Nelson lit a candle in memory of Carl Gentry*



Bettye J Nelson - June 11, 2023 at 12:39 PM

GC

“ *I work for Nelson in for four years in my 11 year career at Columbia Nitrogen, He taught me a lot. Nelson was also a big Nascar fan and he got me interested in the sport, I enjoyed working for Nelson and everyone from Saluda and Greenwood those turned out to be my best years at Columbia Nitrogen. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends at this difficult time.*



Gregg Cato - June 10, 2023 at 06:20 PM

KG

“ *Keith Jennifer Goodman lit a candle in memory of Carl Gentry*



Keith & Jennifer Goodman - June 10, 2023 at 03:42 PM

KG

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Keith & Jennifer Goodman - June 10, 2023 at 03:14 PM

KG

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Keith & Jennifer Goodman - June 10, 2023 at 03:00 PM

RB

“ Big Nelson will be missed by many!
Praying for the family.
Robert Booth

Robert Booth - June 10, 2023 at 02:01 PM

JG

“ James Miranda Goff lit a candle in memory of Carl Gentry



James & Miranda Goff - June 09, 2023 at 09:35 PM

CE

“ *Crystal Edwards lit a candle in memory of Carl Gentry*



Crystal Edwards - June 09, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Carl Nelson Gentry.*



June 09, 2023 at 04:53 PM

WG

“ *William Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of Carl Gentry*



William and Naomi Goodman - June 09, 2023 at 01:58 PM

BG

“ *Brenda Goodman lit a candle in memory of Carl Gentry*



Brenda Goodman - June 09, 2023 at 01:57 PM

VD

“ *Vicky Davis lit a candle in memory of Carl Gentry*



Vicky Goodman Davis - June 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM

JG

“ *Joshua Goodman lit a candle in memory of Carl Gentry*



Joshua Goodman - June 09, 2023 at 12:24 PM

VD

“ *Vicky Davis lit a candle in memory of Carl Gentry*



Vicky Goodman Davis - June 09, 2023 at 12:21 PM

DK

“ *Debbie Kunkle lit a candle in memory of Carl Gentry*



Debbie Kunkle - June 09, 2023 at 11:20 AM