



Claude Gentry

December 5, 1925 - September 10, 2014

Claude Gentry, age 88, of Springfield, Va. died peacefully at home September 10, 2014 following a long bout with cancer.

Claude married his wife of 66 years, Rachel Jane Hunter, December 29, 1947. She survives of the home. He is also survived by his children Charles, and his wife Martha Jane; Carolyn Pinnick and her husband Robert; Robert, and his wife Susan; and by nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was born December 5, 1925 in Boone County, Missouri. He served in the US Navy aboard the USS Pavlic in the Pacific during World War II, graduated from the University of Missouri with a B.S. in civil engineering, and worked for the Missouri Highway Department and the Federal Highway Administration. He was a Christian, and a loyal and devoted friend to many. During his lifetime he enjoyed scouting, gardening, travel, woodworking, building a lake home, flying as a private pilot and flight instructor, and volunteering on numerous projects for his church and community.

A memorial service will be held at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church in Springfield on Tuesday, Sept. 16th, at 11 a.m. A private interment will occur at the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to American Red Cross or to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Tribute Wall



“ Claude Gentry

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Maybe this will still get to Claude's family even though it's quite a while after his death. I used to live in Springfield but am now in Washington state. I just heard of Jane's death. My prayers go out to the family! But I have to share a story I will always remember about Claude. My sons were throwing a baseball around the church property one time while I was doing something in the church. They broke a window somewhere and Claude was so good to them in his response, not scolding them, showing any anger or even wanting any money from them to pay for the repair of the window. It makes me cry every time I remember.*

February 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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