



## Dr. Cecil Calvin Gentry Jr.

October 8, 1936 - October 9, 2015

### DR. CECIL CALVIN GENTRY JR.

Dr. Cecil Calvin Gentry Jr., age 79, passed away Friday, October 9, 2015, in Bartlesville in the company of his family.

He was born October 8, 1936 in Memphis, TN to Cecil Calvin and Mary Curtis Gentry. Cecil attended schools at Carrie Stern Elementary in Greenville, MS and Forrest City (AR) High School, near his hometown of Haynes, AR. While a student at Forrest City High School, he was selected to serve as a U. S. Congressional Floor Page in the 82nd Congress, by Hon. E. C. "Took" Gathings, 1st District Arkansas. He graduated from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville with BSIE (1961) and MSME (1964). He received his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1972.

Cecil and Miriam Jean Rogers were married in Lansing, KS, on Valentine Day, 1961. Cecil is survived by his wife of 54 years, two devoted sons, who are also his best friends, Matthew Calvin Gentry, P.E., his wife Jeanette Marie, and grandchildren Scott Matthew and Stephanie Marie Gentry of Katy, TX; and Mark Cecil Gentry, Ph.D., his wife Amy Kristine, grandchildren Katherine Kristine, William Mark, and Lauren Elizabeth Gentry of The Woodlands, TX. Other survivors include younger brothers, Edward Cloy Gentry of Rogers, AR,

and Don Curtis Gentry of Auburn, AL, and several nieces and nephews. His parents and an infant brother, Earl Columbus Gentry, preceded him in death.

He was a Registered Professional Engineer in Oklahoma and spent the last 28 years of his working career at Phillips Petroleum Company, retiring as Manager, Heat Transfer and Fluid Mechanics. Cecil was a member of honorary fraternities including Sigma Xi, Pi Tau Sigma, and Alpha Pi Mu and professional organizations, including Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE), and American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). He served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of Heat Transfer Research Inc. (HTRI) from 1985-98. In 1986, he received the OSPE Outstanding Engineer in Oklahoma award. Cecil held over 50 U.S. and foreign patents and authored 11 technical publications. Following retirement, Cecil and Jeanie traveled internationally enjoying activities such as snorkeling, hot air ballooning, and white water rafting. He was a World War II history buff and a devoted Razorback fan.

Cecil served with pride in the U. S. Navy from 1954-57, as a Radarman, aboard the USS Morgan County (LST 1048) and USS Dunn County (LST 742), as part of the U. S. 7th Pacific Fleet. In 1955, he participated in underwater nuclear test, Operation Wigwam. During the summer of 1956, he participated in Operation Dew Line, north of the Arctic Circle.

A brief memorial service will be held in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church of Bartlesville. In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that donations be made to the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 8 (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
505 S.E. Dewey St.  
Bartlesville, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Cecil Calvin Gentry Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Dr. Cecil Calvin Gentry Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Cecil was one of the finest men I've ever known. When I was new in my are and only a year or so out of college, he brought me into projects and he gave me much more credit than my work deserved. I was always impressed with how he'd worked in 3 stints in college to get his 3 degrees while he was working and balancing that with raising his family. But I was most impressed with Cecil the man; I observed him and how he related to people and how he related to his family. I was always envious of the way he related to his sons, Matt in particular since he be a longtime friend; not having had that kind of relationship in my growing up and adult years, I took notes on how I could be a better father to my two girls. Here's to Cecil Gentry, a world renown engineer, a fellow Razorback and inductee to the Arkansas Academy of Mechanical Engineers, a great example of husband and father, and a fine man.*

*Don Edwards*

Don Edwards - December 23, 2015 at 10:34 AM

BW

“ It was a privilege to know and work with Cecil over the years at Phillips. Cecil was one of those rare individuals that was both technically excellent and a pleasure to work with. And perhaps most importantly, an engineer coming to Cecil for help never had to worry about his integrity or his motives. Cecil was a good man as well as a good engineer. I am sorry for your loss.

*Bill Woodard*

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**Bill Woodard** - November 09, 2015 at 09:34 AM

CS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of grieving. We are sorry for your lose.

*Sincerely,*

*Cory, Elizabeth, Cole and Curtis Schmeisser*

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**Cory Schmeisser** - November 08, 2015 at 09:52 PM

BV

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Cecil during my Phillips Petroleum employment. We didn't work together as closely as I would have liked, but he allowed me to take over as representative to one consortium which benefited my career. He was a very accomplished engineer, family man and great example to all of us. His family and loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Bill Vallaster** - November 06, 2015 at 10:28 AM

JM

“ I wish to express my condolences to the Family on their loss of Cecil , one of the finest Engineers , Scientist, Inventor and Author I have had the privilege to know. He was a great leader and mentor , serving as a model P.E. for all in OSPE ,ASME and HTRI , but most of all his service to Education and our future Engineers by long service as an ABET Accreditor , a role no one was more fit for. I am proud to have known and worked with Cecil , he left his mark on all of us and all of those Engineers yet to come. I very much regret that I must be in Texas and will miss the Memorial service. May God Bless you all .

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**JOHN MIHM** - November 03, 2015 at 03:52 PM

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“ I worked with Cecil for several years in Process Eng. I was an Eng. Tech. I was always impressed with his printing, it looked like it had been typed. I was more impressed with him as a man, he always treated everyone with respect. they don't get any better than Cecil

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**Ray Edwards** - November 01, 2015 at 12:26 PM

SH

“ Mr. Gentry was such a great man and so welcoming to friends in his home. It was very neat as a friend of Mark's to see the love that Mr. Gentry had for Mrs. Gentry and Matt and Mark. I will be praying for the family.

*Shawn Hammonds*

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**Shawn Hammonds** - October 14, 2015 at 07:44 AM