



## L. Wayne Gentry

July 6, 1944 - December 29, 2022

TORRINGTON, Wyoming --- Lawrence Wayne Gentry (affectionately known as “LWG”), 78, died Thursday, December 29, 2022. In his final months of life, Wayne courageously faced a fast-moving cancer that had not been detected. Surrounded by his beloved family and friends, he peacefully passed as a believer in Jesus Christ seeking an eternal paradise.

Funeral services will be held at 10am Monday, January 2, at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church with Reverend Diane Carleton officiating. The casket will be open prior to services at the church. Burial will follow in the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you instead give a memorial to the Torrington Rotary Club for their new community project and/or All Saints Episcopal Church in Wayne’s name.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send their condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com) .

Wayne was born July 6, 1944, in St. Charles, Missouri, to Lawrence Leroy Gentry “Shorty” and Stella Lola Gentry. He was the youngest of two children, Billie Jean Simon was his older sister. He was baptized and confirmed in the First Federated Church located in Mitchell, Nebraska. He graduated from

Mitchell High School in 1962. He attended Chadron State earning a Bachelors, and a Master's degree from the University of Wyoming.

On August 5, 1967, he married Lanette "Lanny" Janean Gentry (Beermann). Together they had three beloved children: Travis Wayne Gentry (wife Tammy), Tyler Wade Gentry (wife Christina), and Layne Gentry Martin (husband Harold). Wayne had nine grandchildren and one great grandchild: (Travis' - Asher, Ella, Avery; Tyler's - Ava, Alayna, Mikayla, Rayne, Tate and Lilah Rae; and Layne's - Blake and Brayce).

Being an Episcopalian was an important priority in Wayne's life to discover and build his faith. He loved his connections with the congregation of All Saints, and the Torrington community at large. He was an active and loyal Rotarian living by their four-way test:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Wayne invested 31 years of his life as Torrington High School's Assistant Principal. He pridefully led (and disciplined) generations of Trailblazers.

A long retirement was fitting for him where he would keep a full social calendar, playing pool with "the boys", having breakfast with friends, and pursuing his hobbies. He obsessively followed St. Louis Cardinals baseball, spending hours watching almost every game of the season. He also never missed an invitation to dance! His favorite activity was traveling and visiting his children and grandkids in Arizona, Colorado and Kansas, generously being Grandpa Gentry.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park

Scottsbluff, NE

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

First Wyo United Presbyterian Church  
2972 Main Street  
Torrington, WY 82240

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Our time in Torrington was enriched by the friendship of Wayne. He and John worked so well together to lead THS in the '90's. Wayne was a happy, positive, and professional friend. We keep his memory and his family in our hearts.

*John and Ann Binning*

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**Ann Binning** - January 22, 2023 at 03:31 PM

DL

“ L. Wayne was a wonderful man. He always had a joke and a good-natured smile. He will be missed.

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**Dana Lent** - January 13, 2023 at 12:21 PM

HE

“ We are friends of the Martin family and got to know Wayne during his visits to Kansas to see his family. He loved his family dearly and was so proud of his kids. We always enjoyed seeing him and visiting with him. He will be dearly missed. Prayers to his surviving family.

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**Heather** - January 11, 2023 at 12:54 PM

DR

“ I met Wayne while we were attending Chadron State College and we became very good friends. I have a lot of great memories of the road trips that we took together and all of the fun that we had together and with Jerry Coleman. I was a part of Wayne's wedding and he was a part of mine. He was a very good friend for many years. I am sorry that I am not able to attend his funeral but extend my deepest sympathy to his family. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Don Roth

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Don Roth - January 02, 2023 at 10:13 AM

BT

“ Barbara Tallmon lit a candle in memory of L. Wayne Gentry



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Barbara Tallmon - January 01, 2023 at 11:04 PM

HK

“ LWG, was a special friend and true gentleman. We'll miss seeing him walk the pathway and the college halls. He was generous hosting the pool hall for his friends 3 to 4 days a week. LWG rest in eternal peace, you have enriched our lives by being a friend. Love You 🙏❤️

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Harvey & Sharon Knaub - January 01, 2023 at 09:05 PM

KS

“ Wayne and I were friends from the day they moved to Mitchell and graduated from high school. We took a youth group trip to New York and on the way back we picked up a new Corvair car for Wyne to drive to school. We had a great time on that trip and on the way back home. Will sure miss LWG . Ken and Sandy Strey

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**Ken Strey** - January 01, 2023 at 02:17 PM

LB

“ LWG was a true friend of Linda's and Mine. We will always remember the great times we spent together in in High School, College, and to this present day. Wayne was always a true friend and a great gentleman which we will miss greatly.

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**Linda & Jim Brown** - January 01, 2023 at 12:18 PM

FR

“ After many years, I connected with Wayne about 3 weeks ago. We had a great conversation about the earlier days in Mitchell. He was a loyal customer with my Dad's business - Johnny's Conoco. He was meticulous with his cars and they were always clean! He would like to hang around and just visit with other customers. He was just a good person. I was very fortunate to meet him in Kansas a few times as his daughter was a student at the University of Kansas. I had the honor of being her advisor- what a small world. My thoughts are with his family. Just remember the moments and memories he left us all with.

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**Fred Rodriguez** - January 01, 2023 at 07:47 AM

DM

“ We are so sorry for Waynes family. We wish we could be there for his service, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. We have many happy memories especially on our visit to Wyomi with him and your mom 🙏🙏

Denny and Joyce Martin - December 31, 2022 at 05:23 PM

MH

“ Wayne always had a positive attitude about what was best for the THS students- he led by example. A friend to all and a gentleman who will be missed. May God bless Wayne and comfort his family.  
Marv Haiman

Marv Haiman - December 31, 2022 at 01:51 PM

TH

“ Wayne lived next door to me in Mitchell when we were young. I remember him as being so kind. We went to a Homecoming dance at Chadron and I was so nervous!!! He was still very kind and fun to be with.  
I am so sorry to hear of his passing and know he will be missed. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Toni Hess - December 31, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of L. Wayne Gentry.



December 31, 2022 at 12:44 PM

HK

“ Harvey Sharon Knaub lit a candle in memory of L. Gentry



Harvey & Sharon Knaub - December 31, 2022 at 10:53 AM

RN

“ Royce & Carolyn Nelson lit a candle in memory of L. Wayne Gentry



Royce & Carolyn Nelson - December 30, 2022 at 09:34 PM

RA

“ Wayne and I were neighbors for 14 1/2 years. He was a fantastic neighbor. He was best friends with Jerry “Coley” Coleman, whom he outlasted by 10 years. He walked nearly every day. He student taught under Don Woodley when I was in high school. He was a faithful Rotarian for probably nearly 50 years and he took great pride in the fact that he paid his own way through it all. Even in later years, Wayne always volunteered, for highway clean ups, for wine tasting set ups. Whatever! Wayne was just the real deal. RIP, LWG. Pat and I will always remember you well! S/ Randy Arp.

Randal R. Arp - December 30, 2022 at 09:20 PM

BT

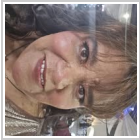
Wayne & I were classmates beginning in Jr. High thru High school, & became very close friends. We enjoyed so many dinners & dances together. I feel blessed to have known him! My condolences to his family. RIP Wayne. - - Barbara Tallmon

Barbara Tallmon - January 01, 2023 at 09:58 PM

LC

“ Not only will Mr. Gentry be well remembered as an assistant Principal to so many, but, most importantly, he knew how to be a friend to every student too. I'll always remember him as having the brightest suits as well. Later in life, the Rutt and Collar families were blessed to have him as a neighbor and great friend. God bless you, Mr. Gentry and Rest In Peace now! And lots of healing love to your family and Lanny!

Lisa Rutt Collar - December 30, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ Mariana Ronquillo lit a candle in memory of L. Wayne Gentry



Mariana Ronquillo - December 30, 2022 at 06:57 PM

PN

“ What a great member of the Torrington community! Wayne was a fun guy that seemed to influence many people in various ways. I never could get him to play golf and he never taught me to play pool 🙄 He will be missed! Condolences to his whole family ❤️❤️ Peg Nighswonger

Peggy Nighswonger - December 30, 2022 at 04:48 PM

KW

“ Wayne and I became friends in our investment club. We shared time together in discussions. I reach out and extend my sympathy to his family.

Keith Whitney - December 30, 2022 at 11:47 AM

VH

“ Verity Hager lit a candle in memory of L. Gentry



Verity Hager - December 30, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of L. Wayne Gentry.



December 30, 2022 at 08:45 AM

RA

“ Rafael Gina Avila lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Gentry



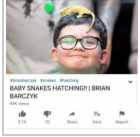
Rafael & Gina Avila - December 29, 2022 at 11:53 PM

GN

“ Greg And Charlene (Schwab) Novakovich lit a candle in memory of L. Wayne Gentry



Greg and Charlene (Schwab) Novakovich - December 29, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ *Gayle Hascall lit a candle in memory of L. Wayne Gentry* ”



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**Gayle Hascall** - December 29, 2022 at 06:50 PM