Floral Bearers
Order of the Eastern Star, Elizabeth Chapter #3

Honorary Floral Bearers
Seniors on the Move at Mt. Calvary

Pall Bearers
Clover Hill Masonic Lodge #10

Honorary Pall Bearers
Deacons and Trustees of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

"I Love You Mother"

I love you Mother
for all the things you've said and shared with me.
For your patience, your love, your understanding.
For the way you seem to know how I'm feeling without even asking.
For teaching me about truth, loyalty, and kindness…

For kissing away the hurts, for chasing the clouds away,
And for celebrating my smallest victories.
Your constant, reassuring presence in my life means the world to me.
Just wanted to tell you how much that means to me and what you've meant to me. I love you Mother.

Love, your oldest son, George Calvin "JAB"
(sent to our Mom before his passing)

Acknowledgement

With deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude, we sincerely thank all of our family and friends for the love, support, prayers and sympathy you have shown us during this difficult time following the passing of our beloved mother. Your kindness and thoughtfulness brought us comfort during this sad time and we will always remember your generosity and support. May God bless each and every one of you.

The Mary Etta Gentry Family

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HOME GOING CELEBRATION FOR

MARY ETTA GENTRY

JANUARY 18, 1932 - SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026
2:00 PM

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
422 CAROLINA AVENUE
SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA
REV. DR. M. LAMONT LITTLEJOHN, PASTOR

A Life Well Lived, A Legacy Remembered

Mary Etta "Mae Ete" Gentry, 94, was born January 18, 1932, in Boiling Springs, North Carolina, to the late Max Lattimore and Estelle Gentry Miller. She passed away on September 27, 2026 at her residence.

A graduate of Green Bethel High School, Mary worked for several area physicians and their families before continuing her career at Cleveland Memorial Hospital and Fasco Industries, where she retired.

Mary accepted Christ at an early age at Maple Springs Baptist Church and later became a devoted member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Her faith was not simply something she professed, it was something she lived. She served faithfully through the Women's Missionary, Sunday School, Adult and Senior Choirs and the Community Soup Kitchen.

The Community Soup Kitchen held a special place in Mary's heart. As one of the "head cooks," she found joy in feeding and caring for others. She was also active with Seniors on the Move, the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association and the Order of the Eastern Star, Elizabeth Chapter #3. Mary loved shopping, singing in the choir, and shared a special bond with her beloved aunt, Queenie Ponder Gentry of Maryland.

For 94 years, Mary loved her family, served her church, fed her community, shared her faith and gave generously of herself. She leaves a beautiful legacy of faith, service, strength, and love.

Mary was preceded in death by her beloved son, George Calvin "Jab" Gentry, and her siblings, J. W. Gentry, George "Jock" Walter Gentry, Bobby Gene Gentry, Gentry Ann Miller Eskridge, Constance Miller, Donna Marie "Tootabug" Miller, and Eckles "Brother Boy" Miller, Jr.

Mary's beautiful legacy lives on through her beloved children, Mary "Sue" Degree (Charles) of Shelby, Johnny Gentry (Deborah) of Raleigh, Willard Gentry of Shelby, Phil Gentry (Elaine) of Raleigh, and Tina Estes of Durham; granddaughters, Me'chelle Degree, LaTasha Rudisill, and Morgan Estes; grandson, Miles Calvin Gentry; great-granddaughter, Ja'Nireia Barnes; great-great-granddaughters, Ky'Lah and Jay'Lanni; sister, Marilyn "Tiny" Miller Hopper; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, church family, and dear friends.

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To her family, Mary was a nurturer, a source of wisdom, a woman of faith, and a steady presence. Those who knew her will remember how she made people feel—welcomed, fed, encouraged, loved, and cared for.

While we will deeply miss her presence, her voice, her songs, and the love she gave so freely, we find comfort in knowing that Mary lived a life rooted in faith and service.

She often spoke of the **"Good Master."** We find peace in believing that the Good Master she loved and served so faithfully has welcomed her home with the words:

Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

Her work here is complete. Her legacy lives on. And her love will remain with us always.



















Order of Service

Rev. Dr. M. Lamont Littlejohn, Officiating Minister

Prelude
Processional
Receiving of Friends……1:30 – 2:00 p.m.
ORDER OF EASTERN STAR RIGHTS ……..Elizabeth Chapter #3
Selection ……..……...Choir

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament……..Bishop Darion B. White
Victorious Life Fellowship Church, Durham, NC

New Testament……...Miss Morgan Estes, Granddaughter

PRAYER OF COMFORT……..Deacon Paul London

SELECTION ……Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Choir
"If It Wasn't For the Lord On My Side"

REMARKS (2 Minutes Please)……Mrs. Barbara Mintz
Trustee Edward Ramseur
Ms. Me'chelle Degree, Granddaughter

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Reading of Obituary……,,,,.Silently
Selection ……. Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Choir
"Wake Up in Jesus's Arms"

WORDS OF COMFORT……Rev. Dr. M. Lamont Littlejohn

Recessional Selection ……. Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Choir
"Going Up Yonder"

Interment

Sunset Cemetery
Shelby, North Carolina

Repast at
Shiloh Baptist Church Family Life Center
914 Frederick Street, Shelby, NC

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