



## Mark David Gentry

January 26, 1957 - February 4, 2020

On February 4, 2020, Mark David Gentry, lately of Odenton, MD, departed this life.

He is survived by a sister, Brenda Headley, of North Carolina, a brother, Paul Gentry and his wife, Deborah, of Haymarket, VA and a niece, Vicky (Headley) Egan, of Atlanta, GA as well as numerous cousins and friends.

Born January 26, 1957 in Washington, DC, he was raised in North Forestville, MD and attended Weatley Special Education School. When he turned 18, he went to work for Branch Electric Supply in Clinton, MD. Later it was bought by Rexel Corporation, where he more than excelled as a forklift driver and stock man. He worked there until 2012 when he had a stroke that left him unable to perform his duties. He gave them a total of 36 years. By accounts from all that knew him, he was a very hard worker with an extremely strong work ethic.

Mark loved family and friends when they got together for dinners and backyard cookouts. Music was his absolute favorite hobby. Listening to golden oldies, smiling and singing every word to every song was a daily routine for him.

He was a gentle giant with the beliefs and innocence of a trusting child. A sweet soul who wanted no more than to be accepted by everyone. His handicap made that difficult at times, but he kept a strong appearance and

would pretend that being left out at certain times didn't bother him.

He was dealt a bad hand at birth with autism that followed him throughout his entire life. A lot of people didn't get to know him simply because he was different. Now, that awesome discomfort is gone and he's at Home with Jesus. Where no one can falsely judge him ever.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, February 9, 2020 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA where a funeral service will be held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM with Rev. Dr. Billy G. Tatum officiating. Interment to follow immediately at Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas, VA.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to: Autism Speaks, 1 East 33rd Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, Autism Society 6110 Executive Blvd, Suite 305 Rockville, MD 20852 or Melwood Horticultural Training Center, c/o Dept of Fund Development Melwood, 5606 Dower House Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 in loving memory of Mark D. Gentry.

Condolences may be sent to: [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Service

FEB 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Growing up in North Forestville, the Gentrys lived right across the street. Mark was a good kid, very friendly, outgoing and happy. We watched as he grew into an independent young man, and began work at Branch Electric.  
Condolences to his brother Paul, and family members and friends.  
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 Paul  
Gentry

*Thank you, Polly. I hope all is well with you and yours.*

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**Paul Gentry** - February 08, 2020 at 06:42 PM