



## Marian B. Gentz

February 25, 1924 - December 14, 2019

BLISSFIELD – Marian Bertha Gentz, 95 of Blissfield, died December 14, 2019, at Lenawee Medical Care Facility. She was born February 25, 1924, in Adrian, Michigan the daughter of Merton and Eleanor (Parker) Speller. Marian was a member of the United Brethren Evangelical Church until a few years ago when she joined the Elem3nt Church in Blissfield. She was married to Harold W. Gentz who died August 3, 1995.

Marian's surviving children are Jeannette (Dennis) Bailey, Harold (Phyllis) Gentz II, Thomas (Coleen) Gentz, Dale Gentz, Barbara (Michael) Himburg, Terry Gentz, Donald Gentz, Marilyn, Jean Hunt and Peggy Jo (Mark) Anderson, 15 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by sons, Kenneth and Richard, daughter Beth Ann, one great grandchild, and her sisters Margaret McMichael, Mary Jo Speller and Bonnie Speller.

During World War II, while her husband was serving in the army in Newfoundland, Marian operated a rivet gun at the Willow Run B-24 bomber plant. She was one of the original "Rosie the Riveters". While working there, she lived in Ypsilanti with relatives, and they have remained close after all these years. Cousins Betty Ary and Stella Gotts visited Marian just this past November.

It was during this time, March 10, 1944, that she also lost her brother and best friend, Russell Speller as he was killed in action while serving in the army on

the Island of Bougainville in the Philippines. She and her family were truly members of the "Greatest Generation".

Marian was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Blissfield for many years, during which time she served as President and as an officer in various other capacities. She also worked for many years for Mary and Art Weeber at the Hathaway House in Blissfield. She also had the honor of assisting with Art and Mary Weeber's children. She loved Aimee, Randy and Matthew. They have continued to stay in touch over the years. Marian's motto, which she passed along to every child she encountered, including her own was "There is no such word as can't".

Marian loved the television programs "The Golden Girls" and Larry's Country Diner". She could be found watching these programs just about every Saturday night, along with her favorite Irish singer Danny O'Donnell.

Funeral services will take place at 3 p.m., Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield with Pastor Gayle Ruble officiating. Burial will follow at Palmyra Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Wednesday from noon until the service at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in Marian's memory be made to Elem3nt Church or Hospice of Lenawee. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Palmyra Cemetery

East US 223  
Palmyra, MI 49268

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)  
301 S. Lane St.  
Blissfield, MI 49228  
(517) 486-2133  
[info@wagleyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wagleyfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Marian B. Gentz*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *To the Entire Gentz Tribe  
From the Moran Clan of Palmyra  
Love...Light...Peace  
All ways...All days....  
Your Mom is now chillaxxn with her family above and watching  
down aand smiling...❤️🌈💚🙏💖  
Specifically to my sister from another mister Marilyn...peace be with  
you and continue to rock n roll with your family spiritssss.....from  
your brother from another mother....timothy/timmmaay.....xo*

**timothy Moran** - December 18, 2019 at 07:50 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy, Harry and Phyliss, Tom and Coleen. May  
God wrap his loving arms around you. Wonet Kulwicki*

**Wonet Kulwicki** - December 16, 2019 at 07:00 PM



“ *Evelyn H. lit a candle in memory of Marian B.  
Gentz*



**Evelyn H.** - December 16, 2019 at 02:13 PM

KR

“ Prayers for Peggy, Mark and Merissa.. and for the rest of the family as well!

*Love the DeMille Family*

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**Kitt (DeMille) Richardson** - December 16, 2019 at 09:34 AM

WS

“ Sending prayers & condolences to Harry, Phyllis and the entire Gentz family. Our thoughts are with you. Walt & Sharon Slusarski

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**Walt & Sharon Slusarski** - December 16, 2019 at 08:41 AM

BB

“ Sending prayers and condolences for Harry, Phillis, and the Gentz family

*Bill and Judi Beal*



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**Bill Beal** - December 16, 2019 at 08:03 AM

RB

“ Tom and Colleen,  
Barb and Mike,  
Harold and Phyliss,

*To all of you, deepest sympathy. She was a great lady, always had a smile on her face when I waited on her at McCashen Variety Store, over the many years.*

*I would like to see all of you, in person, my apologies, I have scheduled a meeting for work that day, miles from home. Take care, you will be in our thoughts on this day of rememberances.*

*Rachel (Goetz) and Robert Bakowski  
Ottawa Lake*

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**Rachel Bakowski** - December 15, 2019 at 07:32 PM