



Melvin J. Gentner

March 3, 1942 - December 31, 2023

Melvin J. Gentner, age 81 of Ruth, passed away Sunday, December 31, 2023. He was born on March 3, 1942 to the late Leland and Emma Gentner. Melvin and Carol Kanaski were united in marriage on November 7, 1964 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dwight Township. Melvin graduated from Sts. Peter and Paul School in 1960, where he was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. He worked at several small factories and farmed. In 1964 he opened his own business, Gentner Sales and Service, starting with snowmobiles, small engines and lawn equipment. He was a scout master, member of the Parish Township Board, Huron County Board of Appeals, was a lector, eucharistic minister and usher at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, was a driver for the Gemini Group for 20 years. He volunteered to deliver area donations to Sister Carol at St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center in Flint. He enjoyed polka music and dancing, playing euchre, going to tractor pulls, deer hunting, and deer camps. Melvin enjoyed going to toy tractor shows and collecting them. After he retired from farming he would ride around in his side-by-side/buggy and check on the crops and count deer. He had a thriving repair business; there wasn't anything he couldn't fix. He loved working on small engines. Melvin was an excellent problem solver. The family saying goes, "If you didn't learn anything from Papa, you weren't listening!"

Melvin is survived by his wife Carol Gentner of Ruth, children: Colleen (Jose) Gonzalez, Steven (Elizabeth) Gentner, Kenneth (Gwen) Gentner, Ronald (Heather) Gentner, grandchildren: Joseph, Zachary, Andrew (Katie) Gonzalez,

Shaun (Sarah) Morgan, Joshua (Maggie) Gentner, Rachel (Jeremy) Gusmano, Victoria (Clayton) Messing, Kendall (Hallie) Gentner, Katrina and Gretchyn Gentner, Heaven (John) Gravelyn, and Kyler Thomas, great grandchildren: Lance and Aowyn Morgan, Charlie and Henry Gravelyn, expected baby Messing and foster Margaret Morden, his sister, Marie Oswald, and brother Robert Gentner, sisters-in-law Jane Gentner, Joann (Charles) Bolda and Marjorie Clancy, and many nieces and nephews.

Melvin was preceded in death by his brothers Duane and Charlie Gentner, brothers-in-law James Oswald and Carl Clancy.

Funeral Mass for Melvin will be Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 11 am at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, of the Holy Apostles Parish, with Fr. Robert Kelm officiating. Burial will take place in the spring at SSPP Church Cemetery. Visitation for Melvin will be on Friday, from 2-8 pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. A joint rosary service with The Knights of Columbus, Ushers Club, and The Daughters of Isabella, will take place Friday at 6 pm at the funeral home. A Parish Vigil Service will take place on Friday at 7 pm at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to Holy Apostles Parish, or to St. Jude.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Cemetery Details

Sts. Peter and Paul

Ruth, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
425 State St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3407
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Vigil Service

JAN 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

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<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Funeral Mass

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Ruth, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Melvin J. Gentner.* ”



January 04, 2024 at 05:56 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Melvin J. Gentner.* ”



January 04, 2024 at 04:10 PM



“ *Glen & Robin Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin J. Gentner.* ”

Glen & Robin Davis - January 04, 2024 at 04:10 PM



“ *Donald S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin J. Gentner.* ”

Donald S. - January 04, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Melvin J. Gentner.*



January 04, 2024 at 01:52 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melvin J. Gentner.*



January 04, 2024 at 01:16 PM



“ *May many happy memories ease your pain. Melvin was such a friendly person. He now rests with his savior. A special hug for Colleen who I had the pleasure of encountering through our work in the vineyard of the Lord. May Jesus wrap his loving arms around you all in your time of deep loss! Hugs and prayers, Karen Weber Clor*

Karen Weber Clor - January 04, 2024 at 12:39 PM

BG

“ *My Dear Friend Melvin,
May you rest in peace and Our Deepest Sympathy to
his lovely wife Carol and the entire Gentner Family. Melvin and I
grew up together in Ruth with Sunday bike rides, soft ball, rifle
shooting and then we progressed to the automobiles with the Model
A, the 49 Ford, and the big 1958 Ford with the Police Interceptor.
We always had a great time together with our
little group of guys. We have stayed in touch for over 70 plus years.
Melvin you are already missed and many will miss you. However,
we all have some very cherished memories of you until we meet
again.*

*With Love,
Bob & Pauline Geiger*

Bob Geiger - January 04, 2024 at 09:08 AM

FS

“ *So sorry for your family—such a loss after so
many years. Our thoughts and prayers are
with you though we are in Wisconsin so won't
be there physically.*



Felicia Knoblock Schulte - January 03, 2024 at 10:01 PM

MK

“ *Sorry for the loss of Melvin my dad bought and had few things fixed
by him. My condolences to Carol!*

Mark H Kubacki - January 03, 2024 at 04:43 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Melvin J. Gentner.



January 03, 2024 at 03:56 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melvin J. Gentner.



January 03, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ Paul D Gentner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin J. Gentner.

Paul D Gentner - January 03, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Melvin. He was such a kind man. Prayers for the family during this difficult time.



Brian and Kelly Kube - January 03, 2024 at 07:43 AM

DP

“ *David Tenbusch/ Patti lit a candle in memory of Melvin J. Gentner*



David Tenbusch/ Patti - January 02, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin J. Gentner.*



January 02, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Melvin J. Gentner.*



January 02, 2024 at 04:25 PM