



## Inez Alvina Couch

June 22, 1926 - August 1, 2014

Inez Alvina Couch, 88 year old resident of Gentry, Arkansas, died on August 1, 2014 at Circle of Life Hospice, Bentonville, Arkansas. Born June 22, 1926 in Corn, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of William Bergthold and Marie Penner Bergthold. She was a self taught piano player that, as a young woman, played music with her family quartet on KUOA radio. Inez married Ray Junior Couch on December 7, 1947 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Inez retired from Jet Stream after 25 years. She was a member of First Christian Church, Gentry, where she played the piano every Sunday. She also played at Falling Springs Church and Mason Valley Baptist Church for monthly singings, and weekly at the Gentry Senior Activity Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

She was survived by three sons, William Ray "Bill" Couch and wife Paige of Gentry, James Alan Couch and wife Scarlett of West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma, and Kent Warren Couch and wife Jamie of Gentry; two daughters, Yvonne Couch of Bentonville, Arkansas and Rita Fay Sherman of Fayetteville, Arkansas; seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and two brothers, Ernest Bergthold of Lodi, California and Raymond Bergthold of Dallas, Texas.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at Wasson

Funeral Home, Siloam Springs with Mr. Jim Whisenant officiating. Burial will follow at Gentry Cemetery, Gentry. Visitation will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, August 4, 2014 at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 1201 NE Legacy Pkwy, Bentonville, AR 72712.

# Cemetery Details

## Gentry Cemetery

Gentry Cemetery  
Gentry, AR 72734

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 4.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *She was such a precious person. I don't remember ever seeing her without a smile on her face. She was kind and made the best canned sausage ever! God bless and comfort the family.*

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**Jeanne Bentley** - September 20, 2014 at 01:56 PM

JB

“ *Share a memory of Inez Alvina Couch, or send a condolence to the family...*

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**Jeanne Bentley** - September 20, 2014 at 01:54 PM

EB

“ *My sister had a sweet ministry through the piano, I have good memories of singing in the Bergthold quartet with Inez on the ivories. She was a good mother and a great sister.*

*Ernest W Bergthold, 94 Lodi, CA*

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**Ernest W Bergthold** - September 09, 2014 at 08:39 PM

WJ

“ *Sorry to hear about your mom and that I didnt make it to the services. Its hard to keep up with extended family. I hope your coming days are not stressful. Your cousin, wanda*

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**wanda james** - August 05, 2014 at 09:33 PM

RS

*Thank you, Wanda. My apologies....*

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**Rita Sherman** - August 06, 2014 at 10:42 PM

KM

“ *Rita and Sarah,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Ms. Inez was a wonderful lady who had a loving spirit and a passion for music. She lives on in both of you in so many ways. Our family will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kendra Morton - August 05, 2014 at 08:20 AM

RS

*Thank you, Kendra, for your comforting words.*

Rita Sherman - August 05, 2014 at 10:00 PM

KM

“ *Kendra Morton lit a candle in memory of Inez  
Alvina Couch*



Kendra Morton - August 05, 2014 at 08:18 AM

JB

“ *Rita,  
I'm sure your mom was a gracious, sensitive soul, brightening the lives of many. May happy memories comfort you and yours at this trying time.*

*John  
Springfield, MO*

John Bradley - August 05, 2014 at 02:40 AM

RS

*Thank you, John. She was all that and more. Such precious memories.....*

Rita Sherman - August 05, 2014 at 10:02 PM

MB

“ Aunt Inez was my favorite aunt on my dad's side. She was always sweet, happy, and smiling; I don't recall her ever being upset (and of course if she was, it was probably because of her boys, not me or my 3 brothers!). Whenever we visited, there'd be music, a requirement for Bergthold get-togethers. Aunt Inez played the piano, and whoever was there would sing. As kids, we never gave thought to having to say "good-bye for now" to our aunts and uncles, or even our parents, but as we grow old ourselves, it happens. Thankfully we know we'll see Aunt Inez in heaven - she loved the Lord and loved to praise him!

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**Mark Bergthold** - August 05, 2014 at 12:18 AM

SS

“ Inez was an inspiration to all that had the privilege to have known her. She was a beautiful lady, inside and out! My deepest sympathy to you, her loved ones.

*Shirley Sugg Schwahn*

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**Shirley J. Schwahn** - August 04, 2014 at 05:51 PM

RS

*Shirley, thank you so much for your sympathy and kind words.*

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**Rita Sherman** - August 06, 2014 at 10:45 PM

RS

“ James & Elaine, we are so sorry for your loss. We pray for peace for you and your family.

*Love,  
Rick, Debbie & Kara Smith*

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**Richard Smith** - August 04, 2014 at 05:37 PM

MA

“ *Melisa Allred lit a candle in memory of Inez Alvina Couch*



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**Melisa Allred** - August 04, 2014 at 11:16 AM

IN

“ *Rita I'm so sorry for your loss please let me know if there is anything I can do. Glad to be here of you need a friend to talk to or a shoulder to cry on.*

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**Inis** - August 03, 2014 at 10:56 PM

JH

“ *Inez was a very special lady, touching our hearts, making us laugh. We'll always treasure the memory of her coming to our Bentonville home and playing the piano for our 90 year old Aunt Marcy. The room sparkled with joy and praise as Inez played song after song and Marcy clapped her hands exclaiming "more, more!"*

*Blessed by knowing her,*

*Jim and Genise Hallisey*

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**Jim & Genise Hallisey** - August 03, 2014 at 06:59 PM

RB

“ *Raye Deen Boyle lit a candle in memory of Inez Alvina Couch*



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**Raye Deen Boyle** - August 03, 2014 at 10:58 AM

RB

“ *She was a lovely lady and her and my Mom (Addie Adams) are having a glorious reunion now. She will be greatly missed. Raye Deen Boyle*

Raye Deen Boyle - August 03, 2014 at 10:57 AM

CE

“ *We were very blessed to know her. She was a wonderful example. Love and hugs to the family. Frances and Ceci*

ceci - August 03, 2014 at 09:13 AM

WF

“ *Inez was an awesome piano player and person, she will be missed so much at the Falling Springs monthly singing. She is now in heaven teaching the angels how to play. Love and will miss you. Wanda Ford*

wanda Ford - August 02, 2014 at 02:51 PM

RS

*Thank you. Mom loved the music and fellowship at Falling Springs monthly singings. She always gave me a report. I know she'll be missed there. She loved you all.*

Rita Sherman - August 04, 2014 at 09:18 AM

SF

“ *Aunt Inez was a favorite aunt to me. She made me feel very loved and special. I have lost an important part of my cheering section, but treasure memories of time spent with her since I was a little girl. Sandra Bergthold Ferguson*

Sandra Ferguson - August 02, 2014 at 11:28 AM

EJ

*Yvonne, prays and strength for you and your family. I never knew your mother, but sounds like she set great examples to inspire others to follow in her footsteps and impacted many around her.*

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**Eva Jordan** - August 02, 2014 at 06:17 PM

RS

*Sandy, you were special to her. So glad we had the chance to be together recently.*

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**Rita Sherman** - August 05, 2014 at 10:06 PM