

William H. Gentry
BLACKSBURG, Va. —
 William H. Gentry, 81, of
 Blacksburg died April 25 at
 Roanoke Memorial Hospital.
 Born Nov. 19, 1918, in Har-
 rodsburg, he was a son of the
 late James T. and Harriet Ren-
 fro Gentry. He was retired after
 25 years with Corning Glass.
 He served as a captain in the
 National Guard Unit from Har-
 rodsburg, Co. D of the 192nd
 Tank Battalion and was
 deployed to the Philippine
 Islands in November 1941.
 He was stationed at Clark
 Field when the Japanese
 attacked on Dec. 7, 1941. In
 January 1942, he led the first
 tank versus tank battle in U.S.
 history.
 He was a survivor of the
 Bataan Death March and the
 recipient of two Silver Stars, a
 Purple Heart and a Bronze
 Star, along with numerous unit
 commendations.
 He was an active member of

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