



1SG (Ret) Billy Joe Montgomery

July 1, 1939 - May 10, 2011

Bill Montgomery departed this life the morning of Tuesday, May 10, 2011, while in the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia. He had attained the age of 71 years,

Bill Montgomery was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on July 1, 1939 to the union of Joseph Leroy and Evelyn Louise (Cooley) Montgomery. He enlisted into the United States Army at the age of 16 and married his childhood sweetheart, Nellie Jo Boatman two years later on October 11, 1959.

Bill had a distinguished 20 year military career. He served as 1st Sgt at Ft Leonard Wood, MO and served 3 tours in Vietnam. He retired at the age of 37 and worked as a heavy equipment operator and an oiler for Howard Construction and for Prime Trucking Company as a long haul trucker. Bill was then hired on at the Engineer School where he was in charge of training development and new equipment systems for 17 years. He retired in 1996.

Bill was a member of Eastern Star, Plato Chapter 240, Masonic Lodge AM FM, Scottish Rite and the Abou Ben Adhem. After retirement he volunteered his time as a DAV Service Officer assisting veterans, their spouses and widows with benefits for 10 years plus.

Bill was a very well educated man and was very proud of the fact that he went

on to further his education even though he had dropped out school in the 9th grade. He obtained his GED while serving in the military. He earned his Associates Degree in Science from Columbia College, his Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Drury as well as his Master's Degree in Psychology from Drury. He also obtained his Master's Degree in Human Resource and Development from Webster University and was currently working towards his Specialist Degree in Education.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Nellie Jo; his children: son Joseph and family friend Mary Sue, son Gary and daughter-in-law Jamie, and daughter Jonellie; his 14 grandchildren, Alexandria, Joseph Allen Jr, Rachael, Bridget, Abby, David, Cody, Felicia, Arianna, Brittany, Dalton, Camdyn, Anna Susan, and Landon and his two great grandsons Christian and Wyatt. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Ellen Montgomery of West Terre Haute, Ind. and three sister in-laws Marjorie Trench and Cheryl Montgomery of Terre Haute, In and Kay Boatman of West Terre Haute, In. and several nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother: Ruth Helen Creasey and brother: David Eugene Montgomery.

Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 2011 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert followed by military honors. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you send donations in memory of Billy to DAV Chapter 49 Service Officer Fund and/or the Transportation Services Fund or the University of Missouri Hospital CICU.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of 1SG (Ret) Billy Joe Montgomery*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album love u*



Jose Estrada - March 15 at 11:05 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album love u grandpapa*



Jose Estrada - March 15 at 11:04 PM



“ *1SG (Ret) Billy Joe Montgomery*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ Dear Billy,
You were such a good man - you will be so missed by all who knew you. Rest in peace dear friend.##imported-begin##Walt & Judy Germann##imported-end##

May 16, 2011 at 07:34 PM



“ Thinking of Billy's family and praying that God will grant them peace and comfort in the loss of their loved one. Billy will be missed by all who knew him and was well thought of. May God bless all of you now and in the days ahead. Love and prayers, Delmar & Lyndia Williams##imported-begin##MSG (RET) Delmar and Lyndia Williams##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 11:38 AM



“ Jonellie and family,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Stacey Hamner##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 03:15 AM



“ Dear Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers now and in the days ahead. Jonellie, though we did not know your dad, he has a wonderful daughter, and we will continue to lift up each one of you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Martin and Georgia White##imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 10:57 PM



“ Jo & Family, Out thoughts & prayers are with you. Bill was certainly a man with many hats. He was always there to help all & he will be sorely missed by everyone. Don & Pat Cummins###imported-begin###Don & Pat Cummins###imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 03:45 PM



“ We are sorry for your loss. Billy was a very good friend and a Great American Soldier. He will be missed by a lot of people. GOD BLESS###imported-begin###Jerry & Grete Broussard###imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 09:32 PM



“ I feel priveleged to had met Mr. Montgomery, if what we have done for others and left behind, for the good, is a refelction of the person, Mr Montgomery is a shining light. His willingness to help a bunch of us veterans was a great help to many many people including me. He will be missed. A patriot!!###imported-begin###Shawn Bowen###imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 01:47 PM



“ Joe & Mary Sue: So sorry for your loss. I pray God will comfort you in this time of sorrow. Look to Him and your friends and family for strength and support. Love you bunches and if you need something give me a yell.###imported-begin###Barbara Wall###imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 11:37 AM



“ so sorry Jonellie and families to hear of your dads passing. you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time of loss. god has a plan for all of us. we love you.##imported-begin##LOIS AND LEROY LOFTON##imported-end##

May 12, 2011 at 11:54 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I worked with him off and on from 1983 to ?? in the civil service area of the Engineer School. He was a great person and you should all be very proud of the legacy that he leaves.

May God grant you the peace that only He can give.##imported-begin##Sondra Gordon##imported-end##

May 12, 2011 at 10:40 PM



“ So sorry you all have this loss in your lives. My prayers are for you. I was glad to hear there was a peaceful end.##imported-begin##Jody Rabaduex##imported-end##

May 12, 2011 at 08:17 PM



“ *May God wrap you in His loving arms of guidance, love, comfort, and strength. May He walk with you and help you as you go through this trying time.*

Know that your loved one is special and is with his Heavenly Father now and forever.

For his service to his country and his family, Thank You.

Strength, Honor, Courage, and Commitment to you and to him.

Diane Coon

Commander

Tri-Lakes Chapter 55

*Disabled American Veterans##imported-begin##Diane Coon,
Commander, Tri-Lakes Chapter 55 D.A.V##imported-end##*

May 12, 2011 at 05:26 PM



“ *Montgomery Kids...I send you my love and thoughts during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Luge Hardman##imported-end##*

May 12, 2011 at 02:08 PM



“ *BILL WILL BE SRLY MISSED BY THE DAVA AND DAVA MEMBERS##imported-begin##JANICE &LONNIE HOWARD##imported-end##*

May 12, 2011 at 01:13 PM



“ *Montgomery Family*
We are so sorry for your loss of Billy. He will also be missed by the DAV thru out the state. We will keep you and Billy in our prayers.##imported-begin##Disabled American Veterans State Department of MO##imported-end##

May 12, 2011 at 12:47 PM



“ *A great American that helped so many others. Bill will be missed by so many, the family is in our prayers. God Bless.##imported-begin##David Day##imported-end##*

May 12, 2011 at 10:49 AM



“ *Jo and Family, You guys are in our thoughts and prayers. The whole world lost yesterday with Bill's passing. But what a fighter and he fought hard for so many causes. Wish I were closer, so I could help with whatever you need. Love you so much*
Sarah and Paul Campo##imported-begin##Sarah Southwick Campo##imported-end##

May 11, 2011 at 09:53 PM



“ *Sorry, to hear of Bill's passing. You are in our prayer. Please call us if you need anything.##imported-begin##Larry and Gayle Helms##imported-end##*

May 11, 2011 at 08:32 PM



“ *The families of Bruce, Ray, and Hildegard Payton send their condolences in your families time of loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.##imported-begin##Bruce Payton and the Payton Family##imported-end##*

May 11, 2011 at 07:12 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Mr. Montgomery helped a lot of people.##imported-begin##Linda Cole - Schonbok##imported-end##*

May 11, 2011 at 03:13 PM