



Jim Montgomery

September 8, 1925 - April 4, 2009

James William Montgomery was born September 8, 1925 in Lincoln, Illinois, to Dean and Etta Montgomery and died March 27, 2009 in a Woodlands hospital. He grew up on a farm in Atlanta, Illinois, but later moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, graduating from high school in 1942. With the country in the midst of World War II, he joined the U.S. Navy, serving until the end of the war. He then worked for American Airlines in Iceland for a year before enrolling at Iowa State in Electrical Engineering. While there, he met his future wife Millie Collier. They were married between their junior and senior years, with both of them graduating in June of 1952. He joined Shell Oil Company as a production engineer. After a training period of 16 months, during which they moved throughout Texas and Louisiana, he received his first assignment in Hobbs, New Mexico, where both of their children were born. They later lived in Roswell, New Mexico, Corpus Christi, and Groves, Texas before returning to Houston. He left Shell after 17 years, joining Brown Oil Tools where he eventually became Vice President for Products, after various sales, engineering, and management positions. For years he was the traveling spokesman for Brown, traveling extensively throughout Europe, Asia, the Middle East and South America. He holds several patents for oil equipment design. When Brown relocated its headquarters to Huntsville, Jim and Millie moved as well. Jim was later transferred back to Houston where he served as head of Public Relations until his retirement in 1986 when the couple returned to live in Huntsville. They joined the local Huntsville

Promenaders which stimulated an interest in the history of square dancing in the U.S. While tracing its roots back to Europe, he collected information on the specific dances and music involved, creating a program of evolving dances with historically accurate music. Adding a commentary, he enlisted the aid of a SHSU student as emcee. The program was performed for two years at the Sam Houston Folk Festival. He worked for eleven years for Walker County as a computer consultant, where he was instrumental in initiating a map of Walker County roads for use in 911 calls. Jim also researched the location of historic gravesites in Walker County, creating a map for reference. He was a loving man who valued honesty and integrity and expected it in others. Working to instill those ideas in his children, he felt family and Christian values the vital force in American. He will be greatly missed by those who loved him. Survivors include his wife, Millie; his brother Sherman Montgomery of Nogales, Arizona; son Mike and wife, JoAnn; daughter Jamie Morrison and husband Ian; grandchildren: Jamie Montgomery, Mary Montgomery, Anna Montgomery and James Montgomery, as well as numerous cousins and family members. A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Huntsville on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 11 AM with Rev. Ellen Willett officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to the Helping Hand Fund of First United Methodist Church or Friends of Huntsville Public Library. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jim Montgomery*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Millie and family,
Stan & I send you our sincere condolences at this most difficult time
in your lives. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with
you.*

Sincerely, Jo & Stan Hines

Jo & Stan Hines - April 09, 2009 at 02:26 PM



“ *Dear Millie and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your
family. I may have only met Jim once or twice, but my mother, Jane
Gorman, always spoke of him fondly. I know he was one of her
favorite cousins and always made her laugh.*

*Thoughtfully,
Michele (Gorman) Kocher and Family
Huntersville, NC*

Michele Kocher - April 06, 2009 at 04:14 PM

DB

“ Dear Millie, We have been so fortunate to be your neighbors for the last 21 years. I love the picture you chose to use for Jim, it is such a comfort and he was such a wonderful man. It certainly was a blessing to find our home next to yours and raise our family. You both have been a big part of our lives. I always admire you both; and your words of wisdom you have shared over the years. Your special gift is that you did not know you were giving that much. I will miss Jim very much, but I wanted you to know that his presence has made a very big impression in my life and we love you both.

Duane, Julie, Jessica, Jake & Jeremy Bradley - April 03, 2009 at 01:51 PM

GW

“ Dearest Millie and family, How saddened we were to read about Jim's death this morning. What great memories we have of those early years of our marriages in Hobbs and the intertwining of our lives from then on. We were truly blessed to have him as our friend. Jim embraced all of life with such gusto and I am convinced he will experience heaven in the same way. Millie, our prayers are with your family and may God comfort and keep you in this time of your sorrow. Our love to each of you. Gene and Jack Ward

Gene Ward - April 02, 2009 at 05:18 PM

LB

“ Ms Millie. I have greatly missed seeing you and Mr. J.W., since I left the library. My thoughts and prayers are with you. You both made a great impression on me and I will all ways hold the memory of the two of you together.

Linda Byrd

Linda S. Byrd - April 02, 2009 at 01:08 PM

JG

“ *Mike and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jody Henry - Fire Marshal, Gainesville - April 02, 2009 at 11:26 AM

DW

“ *Mike,*

I am deeply sorry for your loss. Words cannot express my earnest compassion and sympathy for you and your family in your hour of grief. However, I am a firm believer that our Lord and Savior will give each of you strength to make it through.

Damarcus Williams - April 02, 2009 at 10:47 AM

CD

“ *I only knew Mr. Montgomery for a brief period of time when I first started working for the County at the Court House. He was a kind soul, who continuously tried to teach me "patience" when it came to a computer. I find myself telling others now to just be "patient" and the screen should pop up. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, I know that he will be greatly missed!*

Chrissy Sonsel Dahse - April 01, 2009 at 09:00 AM

BH

“ *Dearest Millie,
We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was the sweetest, kindest man with such a great sense of fun and enjoyment in life. He will be greatly missed from this earth.*

*love,
Betty and Phil*

Betty and Phil Hilton - April 01, 2009 at 08:27 AM

WJ

“ I am sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.

Walter Bennett, Jr. - April 01, 2009 at 08:13 AM

RA

“ Mrs Montgomery, Jim was a fine man and we enjoyed many hours together as we worked to get the county maps and the 911 addresses accurate and up to date. We will miss him greatly as the five years we spent working side by side caused us to be very close. Sorry I did not make it by to see him before his death.

Royce G. Adams - March 31, 2009 at 11:16 PM

HM

“ Millie & Jamie,

I am so very sorry for the loss you have suffered. Jim was a wonderful man who always brightened my day. I will never forget him and his simple kindness.

Hollie, Chris and Rope Mitchell - March 31, 2009 at 02:25 PM