



Morris Charles Montgomery Sr.

June 5, 1937 - January 10, 2020

Morris Charles Montgomery Sr., proud husband, father, grandfather and longstanding businessman in Southeast Missouri, died at the age of 82 years on Friday, January 10, 2020, with his family by his side.

Morris was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on June 5, 1937, son of the late Bernice B. (Horstman) Montgomery and Paul C. Montgomery. He and Betty L. Cline were married on November 17, 1957.

Morris graduated from Chaffee High School in 1955. He was on the 1954 Conference Championship Football team and was a proud Chaffee Red Devils supporter all his life.

Morris's first job at age 8 was popping popcorn for his parents at the Horstman Theatre in Chaffee, Missouri. Later he helped manage the Montgomery Drive Inn Theatre at Blomeyer, MO.

Morris was a brakeman for the Frisco Railroad for 10 years. In 1962, Morris and his wife Betty founded Montgomery Mobile Homes Sales at Blomeyer. During the next 30 years, Morris, and his business partner Jim Sides, founded Cape Mobile Home Mart and opened 23 dealerships in numerous states. The company was ranked in the Top 10 of the top 100 Mobile Home Dealers in the nation, and Morris took great pride in the relationships he built through the mobile home business.

Morris loved hunting and fishing with his family and friends at his Illinois farm. He enjoyed traveling, football, Western movies, and Cardinal baseball games; however, most of all he loved spending time with his family. He was at his best with his family, and they will carry Morris' advice, sense of humor, life lessons, and love with them through time.

Morris was a member of the Chaffee First United Methodist Church, the Missouri Manufactured Housing Association, the Flaming Pit Club, and the Mo Press Club at BG's for many years.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend who had a wonderful sense of humor and a BIG smile that will be missed by all of his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Betty L. Montgomery of Chaffee; one daughter Jeanette (Montgomery) Wachter and husband Scott of Chaffee; two sons Monty Montgomery and wife Missy of Cape Girardeau and Chris Montgomery of Chaffee; one brother Paul D. Montgomery of Russellville, AR; 4 grandchildren - Zachary Wachter of New York, NY; Charlie Montgomery and Melissa Jobe of Nashville, TN; Peyton Montgomery and Selina Cena of Chaffee; Jessica Ross of Jackson; and several cousins, nieces, nephews, many friends, and his beagle Spot who were a special part of his life. The family will be welcoming Morris' great grandson John Emmanuel (Manny) Montgomery who is due later this month.

The family would like to thank Morris's Caretakers (Mo's Angels) for the love and care that they have given him for the past two years. In addition, the family expresses their gratitude to St. Francis Hospital, Chaffee Nursing Center, and Legacy Hospice for their wonderful care and support to Morris and to the family for the past two weeks.

The family wishes to invite friends to celebrate and honor Morris' life from 4:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday, January 14, at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

The funeral will be at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, at the Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel, with Pastor Gwen Streeter and Pastor Marty Blakey officiating.

Burial will be in Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be made to:

~Chaffee Alumni Association, PO Box 172, Chaffee, MO;

~Chaffee Booster Club, Attention N. Hermann Athletic Director, 517 West Yoakum, Chaffee, MO; ~Lewy Body Dementia Association (lbda.org)

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1909
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Service

JAN **15**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ My Deepest sympathy for the Montgomery family! He will be missed and never forgotten.

Morris Montgomery ranks in the top 5 men I have ever met in my life of 56 years. Morris and Betty are very special to my Family. My parents had gone to school with Morris and Betty back in the day. I first met Morris in 1992 when he gave me my first big break in life, he allowed my construction business to start building homes for him in Cape. After I finished building the very first house Morris asked me “well how did you do”? I said well Morris I lost \$1600, Morris immediately took out his check book and wrote me a check for \$1600 and said “Oh No You Didn’t”, Let’s build another and raise your price on the next one... After that I built 35-40 more homes for Morris on just his Word and a simple Hand Shake!!

Morris took a 28 year old snot nosed kid with 2 year old twin boys under his wing and treated me and my family like his own. He was such a wise man who always took time out of his busy day to listen and give advice that always shed light on the circumstances. Morris and I even became partners on a piece of property that I can tell you he surely didn’t need me, but he insisted.

Morris is in a better place and I am sure Heaven has been full of laughter since his arrival. Morris Montgomery, you will be sadly missed!

The Tucker Family

Clarence & Milissa Tucker and Family - January 20, 2020 at 12:12 AM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Montgomery family. I was fortunate to have known Morris (and family) through my daddy (Tarrie) and business since the late 80's. I always enjoyed being in his company even though it has been some years since I had seen him. His wit, humor, and conversation will remain in my memories. Kindest and most sincere regards,
Jeffery Hyche
(Eagle Housing, Inc. and Wilkins Mobile Builders, Inc)

Jeffery Hyche - January 18, 2020 at 05:59 PM

ML

“ so sorry for your loss. Morris always had a friendly smile for one and all. He will be sadly missed

Marilyn Lindy - January 14, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Morris Charles Montgomery Sr..



January 14, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Morris Charles Montgomery Sr..



January 14, 2020 at 10:17 AM

KM

“ My heart goes out to each of you for the loss of your precious husband, father and grandfather.
He has left a beautiful legacy--one that I treasure because I had the wonderful privilege of teaching Charlie and Peyton.
I think of you all often because I still have a lovely angel that you gave me Missy. And I have Charlie's invention, too--a purple and yellow wrist rest for using at a computer station.
Thank you dear family for your precious memories.
Bless each of you.
With much love,

Kathi Mazzanti - January 14, 2020 at 03:56 AM

PH

“ Jeanette, Bill and I send our condolences on the loss of your dear father. --Pat Heckert

Pat K Heckert - January 13, 2020 at 10:14 PM

BP

“ Beverly Prater lit a candle in memory of Morris Charles Montgomery Sr.



Beverly Prater - January 13, 2020 at 07:43 PM

CA

“ Cavalier Homes-Addison, AL purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Morris Charles Montgomery Sr..



Cavalier Homes-Addison, AL - January 13, 2020 at 03:36 PM