



William "Bill" Walter Montgomery

December 20, 1944 - November 7, 2025

William (Bill) Walter Montgomery, 80 years old of Bloomingdale, MI, passed away peacefully in his home on November 7th, 2025.

Bill was born in Jackson, MI on December 20th, 1944.

Not long after Bill was born, the family moved to Arkansas to be near Othy's family. Due to the poor economy, Othy and Helen brought the family back to Michigan when Bill was seven; eventually settling down in Grand Junction, MI.

Bill attended Grand Junction schools from K-8th grade. He and his brother Robert went to school early in the morning, before the other kids arrived, to help stoke fires for heat on those cold days and would clean the floors when the day was complete. The extra money earned went to help pay the family bills and put food on the table.

Bill came to Bloomingdale High School in 9th grade, meeting the love of his life and best friend Jannett Myers. They married July 3rd, 1964 when Bill was 19 and Jan was 17. He finished high school after they married and his oldest son, Steve, attended the graduation in 1965. Bill and Jan had 61 years of love together, with family always his priority up until the day he died - wanting to make sure his best girl (Jan) was taken care of.

Bill was a family man and a hard worker. He was very much a busy-bee; working midnights for Rockwell International for 28 years and having side jobs during the day. He was fire chief of Bloomingdale for seven years, known for wearing his penny loafers to fires. He loved the outdoors, often commenting on being able to talk to God by a tree while out hunting. As an outdoorsman, his hobbies included: hunting, fishing, and trapping - the Marshall fur sale, fish frys, plowing snow in the winter, and coon skin hats. An old fashioned man where his words sealed the deal and he'd give the shirt off his back to anyone in need.

With his love of nature and a greenthumb, a large garden was put in yearly, he even grew a special pumpkin patch for his youngest granddaughter's wedding decor. Even during the last several difficult years Bill would always say "Everyday's a good day, some's just better than others". He was always there to help anyone in need. He impacted so many lives and will be greatly missed.

Bill's last few days were spent surrounded by those who meant the most to him. He visited with his children, his two loving granddaughters and grandson, his friends, and his siblings. He especially liked visiting with his brother, Paul, who came nearly everyday and was there to help with any outside chores Bill wanted done.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Jan; his three children, William Steven (Karina) Montgomery, Brian Scott Montgomery, and Beth Yvonne (Garland) Montgomery-Cook; six grandchildren, Vanessa (Guy), Amber (Geoff), Brandon (Bree), Steve III, Cortnie, and Kylie (Jerme); his little sweethearts, eight great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters, Ann Eiffler, Julie (Paul) Gibson, Alta Kay (Stan) Scheir, Linda Elston; and brothers, Robert Montgomery, Paul Montgomery; sister-in-law, Judy Montgomery; and brother-in-law, Everett Graham.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Othy Flavil and Helen Julia (Trinkle) Montgomery, and parents-in-law John Myers and Roberta (Joe) Marcincavage; brother, Jim; sister, Freida Mae; grandsons, Daulton and William; brothers-in-law, John and Bert Myers; and sister-in-law, Karen Graham.

Per his wishes, cremation will take place and there are no plans at this time for a memorial.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Krista lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Walter Montgomery*



Krista - February 22 at 08:57 PM

TR

“ *Jan and family,
I'm sorry for your loss. I was fortunate to visit with Bill at the gas station this fall when he was filling his lawn mower with gas. Bill was always kind to me and I always viewed him as a big part of what makes Bloomingdale special. Bill will be missed.
-Tim Remington*

Tim Remington - November 18, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MR

“ *So sorry, sending hugs and prayers. Bill was such a great friend to my dad, he will be deeply missed!! Rest easy, Bill.*



Michelle Rankin-Cornish - November 15, 2025 at 08:59 AM

KR

“ So sorry to hear this. Sending my condolences Jan and their family. Bill was a good man who loved his family deeply. He will be missed by many. RIP Bill.

Kelli Rankin



Kelli Rankin - November 13, 2025 at 12:00 PM

BS

“ Beverly And Bruce Storey lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Walter Montgomery



Beverly and Bruce Storey - November 12, 2025 at 11:18 PM

SS

“ Susan Page Smith lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Walter Montgomery



Susan page Smith - November 12, 2025 at 05:55 PM

CS

“ Christine Leetz Shaw lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Walter Montgomery



Christine Leetz Shaw - November 11, 2025 at 12:09 PM

NS

“ Nancy Stone lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Walter Montgomery



Nancy Stone - November 11, 2025 at 11:46 AM

NS

“ Saddens me to hear this. Remember you and Bill both, fondly. Known you both since high school, and the years after. Bill and Charlie spent many years on the fire department. May God wrap his arms around you and the family, giving you the peace and strength to get through the days ahead. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jan, and your family.

Nancy Stone - November 11, 2025 at 11:46 AM

DA

“ So sorry for this news. You and Bill will always be my model of the perfect couple. I have so many wonderful memories of you two from high school, how you created your life together, and how important you made family. Sending hugs and prayers to you and your family.

Diane Ashera - November 11, 2025 at 10:38 AM

RL

“ Bill was a good man, I always enjoyed visiting with him and Nick. My thoughts are with you all.

Ralph Land - November 11, 2025 at 07:58 AM

DH

“ *Deana Hostetler lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Walter Montgomery*



Deana Hostetler - November 10, 2025 at 09:18 PM

DK

“ *So sorry to hear of Bills passing Jan. Thinking of you and your family and sending hugs to you all.*

Dorothy Kingsley - November 10, 2025 at 06:43 PM

DD

“ *I remember what a wonderful, doting grandpa he was—picking up his girls at Pinetrails, always with a big smile and a hug. I know what a significant loss to your family this is. Please give your mom and grandma a hug from me. I know your dad will really miss his hunting partner.*

Debbi Dalm - November 10, 2025 at 01:33 PM

JP

I have the very best memories of him. He was a wonderful person and had the heart of gold. He loved his family and was definately a person willing to do anything he could to help anyone. Rest in peace, you will be missed!

Jan Perlstein - November 12, 2025 at 12:37 PM