



Donald E. Montgomery

October 8, 1948 - October 28, 2013

Donald E. Montgomery, 65, of Sligo, died unexpectedly at his home on Monday, October 28, 2013. Born October 8, 1948, he was the son of Frederick E. Montgomery of Sligo and the late Betty K. Shirey Montgomery. He was married to Esther M. Raybuck on October 25, 1968, who survives. They were high school sweethearts, and for 45 years she was the love of his life. He was very proud of his family and was happiest when surrounded by them.

He was a Vietnam War veteran who served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1972. He continued to serve his comrades state side by supporting them in many advocacy positions throughout his life. He was Post Commander of the Clarion VFW Post 2145 for the past 17 years, and a member of the Order of the Silver Rose for his exposure to Agent Orange. Don was a past District Commander of District 19 for two years. Don enjoyed participating in local Veteran's and Patriot's Day events by being the Master of Ceremonies within Clarion County and Clarion County schools. Don was the Union President of the United Mine Workers Local #1994 and a Member of the Knox American Legion. He was employed by RFI Energy, formerly C & K Coal Company, for the last 40 years as a heavy equipment operator.

Don was a dedicated brother, husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his father; wife; two sisters, Bonnie J. (Joe) Hubauer of Monongahela and Barbara R. (Robert) Conner of Sligo; a brother, Fred C. (Hallie) Montgomery of Ford City; four children, Donna M. (Todd) Priester of Felton, Debbi L. (Chris) Priester of Clearfield, Donald E. (Ann) Montgomery Jr. of Clarion, and Deanna J. Montgomery of Clarion; 12 grandchildren, Craig, Erin, and Megan Priester, Christopher, Jeremy, Peyton, Brittani, and Courtney Priester, Ashley and Donovan Montgomery, and Danielle and Joel Montgomery; and two great grandchildren, Jordan Montgomery and Austin Bridges.

In addition to his mother, is proceeded in death by an infant twin brother.

Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, and from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2013, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 1, 2013, in the funeral home with Rev. Stephanie Weaver, pastor of the Sligo Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Interment will be held in the Churchville Cemetery in Curllsville, where military honors will be accorded by American Legion Post 720 of Knox.

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Deanna (DeeDee),...my sympathies go out to you for your loss. May light shine upon you and your family and may love and peace guide you. God Bless.*

Jamie M. Beichner - November 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Esther, Fred, and all of the family at this difficult time. Our thoughts are with you.*

Carole and Alan Winslow - November 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *So sorry for your loss. Don's work for all Clarion County will be greatly missed!!*

Matt, Leah, Molly Ellenberger - November 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Sorry too hear about Don's passing, He was a great guy, Hugs and prayers to his family*

Peg boyles - November 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

OL

“ *We are so sorry for your shocking loss and our hearts and prayers go out to you, Esther, and the rest of your family. Hugs!*

Otis & LaVieta Lerch - October 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Ester, I am so sorry for your loss.*

Lorie Hicks - October 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Don's commitment to our community, and veterans in particular, will be sadly missed. What a remarkable, caring man. I am glad to have known him.*

Julie Smith - October 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ *Although I am no longer the Exec. Director of the United Way of Clarion County I would like to share the organization's sincere appreciation and sorrow for the loss of Don Montgomery. Many years ago the United Way held a successful event honoring our Military. This event was made possible because of Don. He spent countless hours with the United Way and the committee preparing. He shared his knowledge of military life and designed the best event for this community to show appreciation for all military men and women.*

*Don was very proud of all men and women wearing the uniform.
This community will miss Don's dedication*

Pam Zahoran - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *Esther and family, Our thoughts are with you, and a big hug to help share your sorrow.*

Nadine & Scott Sheffer - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Esther and family, My deepest sympathy for your loss. Don's life was giving back to his community and county and now he has now been called to duty by our Lord and Master. I am sure he is already busy with his new assignment. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Loyally, Sherry Stinebiser, Past Dept President Ladies Auxiliary VFW.

Sherry Stinebiser - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Esther, Our prayers are with you and the family. Please know if there is anything we can do that your election board family is here for you. Our deepest sincerest condolences. Julie, Jeremy, Bree, Katie, and Jenn

Julie and Jeremy Dailey & Family - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Esther and family,
So sorry to hear of Dons passing, and my sympathy and prayers go out to you all during this hard time. May God comfort, guide, and be with you. Love Judy Schwab

Judy Schwab - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Was so saddened to hear of Don's passing. Our deepest sympathy to you Esther and your family. May you find some comfort in God's promise of a peaceful heavenly home. Kim&Rob

Rob & Kim Gates - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ May God be with you to comfort your family .

Dave Bowser - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“*Esther and family, I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. May you find comfort and strength in your faith, and peace in knowing his was a life well lived. Don was a man who made it his habit to do good, to help others, and to make a positive difference in his community. He was a rare and special treasure and will be missed by so many.*

Lisa Caylor - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“*Esther, you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you during this difficult time. Our condolences and deepest sympathy, Heather & Brian Fox and Family.*

Heather Fox - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“*I was so saddened when I read about Don on Facebook. He was a very good person by all I have read about him in the paper and the obituary. We had some great times together back in the days. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Ruth

Ruth Hirsch - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“*Our deepest sympathy to Esther and family. May God comfort you all in your time of grieving.*
Joe and Marlene

Marlene Hartzell - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM