



Charles Thad Montgomery, III

November 1, 1928 - February 16, 2019

Charles Thaddeus Montgomery III, often called Thad, Dad, or Paw-Paw by his family and close friends, spent the last hours of his life on Feb. 16, 2019, surrounded by his family. Thad Montgomery was a builder, community leader, traveler, woodworker, and family man, who will be remembered for his contributions to the Acadiana region, as well as his irreplaceable sense of humor and wit.

He started his journey in Lafayette, La., born Nov. 1, 1928, but left for a few years, getting his degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Wyoming and Oklahoma A&M. After coming back from college, he married his high school sweetheart, Lois Riley, in 1950.

Becoming a builder, he spent a few years as a traveling lumber salesman in his father's business, but subsequently, opened his own lumber yard after learning the business. From lumber yard owner, he expanded his prowess, becoming a land developer and home builder. He even pioneered the first Planned Unit Development (PUD) in the region, which incorporated single-family homes, townhouses, and apartments to create a community setting. You may not realize it, but you've probably lived or driven in one of his subdivisions or worked in a commercial building that he built.

As a community leader, Thad served the Acadiana region by participating in several councils, his local church, and other clubs. He led several organizations as president of the Acadian Home Builders Association; charter board member of the Lafayette Harbor and Terminal Commission; board member of the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce; board member of the Police and Firemen Civil Service; as well as Benefactor Member and President of the Evangeline Boy Scouts Council. He also was instrumental in raising money for building the Mountain Bayou Boy Scout Camp and received the prestigious "Silver Beaver" award from the Evangeline Area Boy Scouts Council for his service. Active in the community, he was a past member of the Krewe of Gabriel, serving as a Duke and later a Commodore, and previously participated in the Krewe of the Troubadours.

His primary hobby was traveling around the world with his wife and kids, including many cruises, ski trips, wilderness hikes, and more. He was invited on a trade mission to Europe, promoting American business. Thad also was great at woodworking with a

specialty in making furniture, wall clocks, and grandfather clocks, which he gave to many of his family and friends. One of his pieces, a wooden mosaic of the last supper, is hung in the Church of the Covenant.

Most importantly, Thad was a family man who raised five children with his wife, Lois. His memory and unique sense of humor will be survived through his family. His children included Kathi Montgomery [deceased], Judith Montgomery Westfall (and Lynn Westfall), Charles Thaddeus Montgomery IV (CT), Robert Montgomery (and Laura Montgomery), as well as Richard Montgomery (and Lorin Montgomery). He also had 13 grandchildren, including Jenni Tenney (and Gordon Tenney), Katherine Foster (and Lincoln Foster), Jacque Skelton, Rhett Skelton (and Mary Fox-Skelton), Sara Baratta (and Dave Baratta), Brian Westfall (and Veronica Westfall), Charles Thaddeus Montgomery V (Thad) (and Alexis Montgomery), Rebecca MacMaster (and Ryan MacMaster), Chris Cangelosi (Montgomery) (and Jacob Cangelosi), Sarah Montgomery, Emily Montgomery, Riley Montgomery, and Anna Montgomery. He even had 8 great grandchildren, including Elle Montgomery, Mia Montgomery, Charlie (CiCi) Montgomery, Owens MacMaster, Abigail MacMaster, Antonia Tenney, Everett Skelton, and Caroline Foster.

He will be remembered with the rest of his family who preceded his death, including his parents, Charles Thaddeus Montgomery Sr. and Elisabeth Denbo Montgomery, brother, Dr. A. Denbo (AD) Montgomery, his daughter, Kathi, and granddaughter, Baby Angel Montgomery.

Services and a reception will be held at the Church of the Covenant on Tues., Feb. 19, 2019 starting at 11 a.m. with a private burial to follow. Donations are requested in lieu of gifts or flowers. Please make donations to the Church of the Covenant in his memory by going to <https://goo.gl/4GPeYx>.

Events

FEB **Service** 11:00AM

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Covenant United Methodist Church
300 E Martial Ave, Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

Comments



“ Mr. Montgomery was a very sweet man who loved his family. I always had much love & the greatest respect for him. Sad to say farewell, but happy I was fortunate enough to know him. Patchie Grosshans

Patchie Grosshans - February 20 at 01:48 PM



“ Lois: We were in Texas when we heard the news and were not able to come to be with you. Thad was a dear friend and I always enjoyed our time together. Please know that our prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Blessings,,
Ralph and Paula Ford

Ralph Ford - February 19 at 10:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Thad Montgomery, III.



February 18 at 11:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Thad Montgomery, III.



February 18 at 07:45 PM



“ My prayers and sympathy to Mrs Lois and the Montgomery family . Mr Thad was so welcoming and helpful to my husband and me when we moved to Ashland Park. His passing saddens me as I will always remember his kindness and his way of adding wit to conversations. Condolences to Robert, Laura, Sarah & Emily.

Paulette King - February 18 at 01:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Thad Montgomery, III.



February 18 at 12:36 PM



“ Mrs. Lois and family - My deepest condolences and sympathies to you at this time.

Chris A. Verret - February 18 at 10:43 AM



“ May you rest in peace Thad. You were a great friend of my Father, Dick Davis. As well as a partner in business. You also assisted me in getting started in the concrete business. Firm but fair is the best description of Thad that I can give. My deepest condolences to the family...

John Davis

John Davis - February 18 at 08:07 AM



“ We will miss his great sense of humor and all his phone calls to Bill! We were so Blessed to be able to share his 90th Birthday with Thad and his family. Our thoughts and Prayers are with Lois and family.

Bill & Joni Younie

Bill & Joni Younie - February 17 at 05:31 PM



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February 17 at 05:24 PM