



## Larry T. Montgomery

March 27, 1941 - May 20, 2022

Larry T. Montgomery 81, died at 1:40 AM Friday May 20, 2022 of Myelodysplastic Syndrome. Larry was born March 27, 1941 in Princeton, Indiana. He was the son of the late John T and Georgia Mae Oskins Montgomery. Larry graduated from Princeton High School in 1959 where he played basketball and baseball. He attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale on a baseball scholarship, and graduated with a Bachelors Degrees in Education. He then went on to receive a Masters Degree in Education from Northeast Missouri State (Truman State) in 1972. Larry taught history and economics at Alton High School where he also coached baseball and soccer. He served as Assistant Principal for 5 years before retiring in 1994. He was a past member of the Optimist Club and had also served on the board for Senior Services Plus. Larry coached both his son and daughter in baseball and softball for the Khoury League. He also coached a select soccer team for his son. Larry was happiest when he was around friends, and especially family. He attended all his grandchildren's sporting events and plays, from peewee games throughout college. Larry married his high school sweetheart Marilyn J. Alvis on September 22, 1963. Along with his wife of 58 years, he is survived by his daughter Cynthia File of Alton, son Christopher (Natalie) Montgomery of East Alton, six grandchildren; John "JT" (Taylor) File, Jacob File, Joey File, Treyton Edwards, Andrew Montgomery, and Ivy Montgomery, and a great granddaughter Blake Madison File. Also surviving is his nephew BJ Bishop of Florida; brothers and sister in law, John and Ann

Dunn of Indiana, Eugene and Melinda Dunn of Indiana. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews whom he loved. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, sister Linda Bishop, nephew Charlie Davis, and brother and sister-in-law Frank and Judy Alvis. There will be no funeral, but a Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date. Memorials can be made to St. Louis Children's Hospital - Stroke and Cerebrovascular Program at [support.stlouischildrens.org](http://support.stlouischildrens.org). Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Montgomery was my history teacher at Alton High School. After school he coached the boys soccer team and I was a cheerleader. We often had our practices side by side. On more than one occasion myself and another cheerleader asked Mr. Montgomery to use his car to go grab some food. The first time we were joking since he always had a sense of humor. To our surprise he threw us the keys and said to be careful. As a sophomore in high school with barely a license, I was honored. I was always more careful driving his car than my parents car. What a thoughtful, kind, and smart man. My favorite teacher ever. Made such an impact on this girl during my teenage years. I'm sorry to hear of his passing. I've not forgotten his lessons all these years later. Stacy, Class of 1981.*

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**Stacy Milford Cooper** - April 18, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *Larry T. Montgomery*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Larry T. Montgomery*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. It's been a long time since the wonderful times at Alton Memorial. Your family will be included in my prayers. Marie (Hillhouse) Panyik*

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**marie panyik** - May 31, 2022 at 08:36 PM

LT

“ Larry will be missed. Larry was such a fun, exciting guy. He was always happy and had a smile on his face and always knew what was going on. He will be sadly missed. We have the family in our prayers.

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**larry and Judy Thompson** - May 26, 2022 at 09:32 AM

SM

“ Prayers to the family. I am sure going to miss this caring, loving and wonderful family man and best cousin ever. Since our fathers were brothers we had a lot of family gatherings in Princeton at grandmas he sure loved to tease me I have always been gullible and he sure Took advantage of it. In high school I told him he had to marry my classmate Marilyn and he was so good he listened to me ha ha. I don't think I had much to do with it tho. One time Marilyn and I took some of our classmates to Gatlinburg since we both had timeshares. Larry was supposed to go to a class reunion while we were gone and since Marilyn was not going to be there to go with Larry he decided to take Richard my brother to the reunion and told his classmates he was bringing his significant other I think they were all confused with that one but that was typical Larry . There are so many great memories I will cherish in my heart. I could write a book (as I am sure so many others could too of his stories) and it was all filled with so much laughter and love. Love you Larry Rest in peace. I am not going to say goodbye - just - I will see you later cuz!

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**Sharon Montgomery** - May 25, 2022 at 06:35 PM

LB

“ LARRY AND I WERE STUDENT MANAGERS, ALONG WITH DEWAYNE DEMOSS FOR THE PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL FOOT BALL TEAM. ONE EVENING AFTER PRACTICE, DE WAYNE WAS TO LOCK UP THE STORAGE BUILDING, AND LARRY WAS TO SHUT THE WATER FOUNTAIN OFF. THE COACH ( BILL MYERS) DROVE ME TO THE ELECTRIC SWITCH TO SHUT OFF THE LIGHTS, THEN PICK UP DEWAYNE, AND LARRY, TO GO BACK TO THE HIGH SCHOOL. WHEN LARRY GOT OUT TO LOCK THE GATE, HE TURNED AROUND AND SAID, HEY, HERB ARE YOIU GOING TO LEAVE THE LIGHTS ON ALL NIGHT. ONLY LARRY COULD HAVE SAID THAN IN A HUMEROUS WAY THAT WE ALL JUST DIED LAUGHING. WHAT A GUY.

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**LOWELL ( HERB ) BURCH** - May 25, 2022 at 06:05 PM

CF

“ Great teacher I was lucky enough to have many years ago. Touched many lives with his gift of teaching. Rest In Peace Mr. Montgomery.

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**Cathy Forbes** - May 25, 2022 at 02:06 PM

SV

Loved "Coach Mont". Great man, teacher, and mentor. So very sorry to hear this. He will most definitely be missed.

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**Sara Voumard** - May 25, 2022 at 03:01 PM

DF

One of my favorite teachers at AHS! And a favorite when our paths crossed outside of high school as well. You will be missed Mr. Montgomery!

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**Dave Fritz** - May 25, 2022 at 04:05 PM