



## Mr. Elroy Montgomery

November 8, 1925 - July 24, 2021

Elroy Montgomery departed this life on July 24, 2021, at his home in Mount Holly, Arkansas. He was born November 8, 1925, to Luke Tellas Montgomery and Lena Hendrix of Hope, Arkansas.

He united with Mt. Pleasant C.M.E. Church at an early age; and he later became a member of Free Hope A.M.E. Church, known presently as Unity A.M.E. He served as Sunday School Superintendent for several years and Steward. He was a faithful member until his health failed.

Elroy married Hazel Lee Keener and to this union five children were born: Mary Jane, Jeanette, Madrew, Joann, and Enious. In 1997, he married Mary L. Cooper. Together, they shared four children: Lavern, Joann, Pete, and Carrie.

One of Elroy's most memorable achievements was serving in the United States Navy. After his military service, he dedicated his life to working at Magnolia Nutrition Community Center for over 30 years—he was most known locally for his work there. Elroy was also known for helping people and having a love for animals.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Rev. Enious Montgomery and Pete Crayton; two grandchildren, Teresa Threadgill and Jamarius

Crockett; stepsister, Mozell Cooper; brother, Maurice Montgomery; and sister-in-law, Lavelle Cooper.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Mary L. Montgomery of Mount Holly, AR; four daughters: Mary Jane Montgomery, Madrew Montgomery-McClendon, Joann Montgomery, and Jeanette Montgomery, all of Dallas, TX; three stepdaughters: Lavern Turner and Joann Lee, both of Camden, AR; and Carrie (Tyrone) Thomas of Little Rock, AR; sister-in-laws: Charlotte Ray Cooper Jones, Valestene Jackson, and Diane Rowden, all of Magnolia, AR; brother-in-laws: Lloyd (Dorothy) Cooper, Jr. of Magnolia, AR, Herman Dean Cooper of Santa Monica, CA, Harold (Linda) Cooper of Muskegon, MI, and Ray Keener of Inkster, MI; niece, Yvonne Dennis of Magnolia, AR; special son-in-laws, Richard Turner and Dennis Young; special friend, Paul Ross; 26 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; 13 great-great grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, July 31st, 2021, at R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Magnolia, AR, at 11:00 a.m., with burial to follow with Military Honors, at Freehope Cemetery in Magnolia, AR, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC.

Visitation will be Friday, July 30th, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, “Everyone Is Required to Wear A Mask While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours”. This ensures safety for you and others. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

# Cemetery Details

## Free Hope Cemetery

Warnock Springs Road (Columbia Rd 61)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel  
100 HWY 79 NORTH  
Magnolia, AR

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family of Cousin Elroy. Please know he will be missed by all of us. It was always a delight to see him every year at at our family reunions. He will certainly missed! With love and caring Brenda Cooper Mark's and family.*

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**Brenda Marks** - August 01, 2021 at 12:56 PM

VM

“ *Cousin Elroy was the oldest living member of our Montgomery family that I am aware of. His laughter and gentle spirit will truly be missed, but never forgotten.  
Linel and Vanessa McCraw*

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**Vanessa McCraw** - July 30, 2021 at 02:20 PM

MP

“ *A page turned, a chapter completed, a race well-run, a "Soldier" gone home. Sending hugs, love and lots of prayer to the family*



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**Mary S. Pickings** - July 29, 2021 at 10:19 PM

MM

“ *Marvin Mallory lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elroy Montgomery*



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**Marvin Mallory** - July 28, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *There is special people, and he is one of them He deserve the best of everything because he has giving the best.*

*Lavern Turner*

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**Lavern Turner** - July 28, 2021 at 12:24 AM

FJ

“ *Fred Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elroy Montgomery*



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**Fred Johnson** - July 27, 2021 at 02:35 PM

BM

*Prayers and Condolences to the family of Cousin Elroy. He will be missed! Brenda Marks*

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**Brenda Marks** - July 31, 2021 at 07:20 PM

JC

“ *Joe Bronson Family Kansas City purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Elroy Montgomery.*



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**Joe Bronson Family Kansas City** - July 26, 2021 at 09:15 PM

MM

“ *Marvin Mallory lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elroy Montgomery*



Marvin Mallory - July 26, 2021 at 05:18 PM

KK

“ *Kenneth Keener lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elroy Montgomery*



Kenneth Keener - July 26, 2021 at 03:17 PM

CK

“ *Chinika Keener lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elroy Montgomery*



Chinika Keener - July 26, 2021 at 03:16 PM

MS

“ *Praying strength and peace for the family*



maurice&yolanda strong - July 26, 2021 at 12:52 PM

VJ

“ *Vevelyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elroy Montgomery*



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**Vevelyn Jackson** - July 25, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Carrie Thomas** - July 25, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ *There will never be another like my Dad. He not only loved his wife but also each and every one of the children that came to their home. He never saw a difference in us...his love was the same among us all. This is a man that will truly be missed but God needed him to come home. I hope to see you again one fine day...I love you Papa*



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**Carrie Thomas** - July 25, 2021 at 07:37 AM

BH

“ *BRENDA HANSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elroy Montgomery*



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**BRENDA HANSON** - July 24, 2021 at 10:16 PM

MM

“ *Daddy was going for his 96th Birthday but it was to difficult.*

*Mary J.*



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**Mary Montgomery** - July 24, 2021 at 03:32 PM

JM

“ *God has been good to you for over 95 years. Rest in peace Daddy!*



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**Jeanette Montgomery** - July 24, 2021 at 02:31 PM

  
Jennifer  
White

“ *Jennifer White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elroy Montgomery*



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**Jennifer White** - July 24, 2021 at 10:42 AM