



E. Rex Montgomery

October 13, 1930 - November 2, 2012

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E. Rex Montgomery, 82, went to stand beside his Eternal Father on November 02, 2012.

Rex was born on October 13, 1930, to Earl and Atha Montgomery in Heber City, Utah. He grew up and lived in the Wasatch Valley, enjoying the outdoors and all that that area had to offer. An avid skier, tennis player, and music lover, he was always participating in competitions and tournaments while in high school, as well as throughout his life. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout, with the values and traits of such a recipient being displayed throughout his life.

After high school, he attended Brigham Young University earning a B.A. degree, later attending Kansas University on an unsolicited fellowship, as well as the University of Maryland where he completed his Master of Arts. With education being an important part of his life, he resumed collegiate studies, being only a few credits shy of a Doctoral Degree.

While at Brigham Young, he served on a Mormon mission in Buenos Aires, Argentina. During his service to the church, he was able to travel to many different areas, be part of other cultures, and enjoy life. After his mission he returned to the United States and joined the Army, receiving an honorable

discharge after his time was served. His love of his country was always evident with everything he did.

Prior to completing work at Kansas University, Rex was recruited into the Central Intelligence Agency and worked as a case officer. Aside from English, Rex also spoke Spanish, Turkish, Chinese, and Arabic. His talents helped him to blend into other countries and cultures, speak their language, and become part of them, allowing him to travel and serve on many different continents.

After completing work with the CIA, he continued to accept assignments and travel overseas. Most of his work involved being around foreign governments and embassies. His assignments included working as a military advisory to the Peruvian Army, was assigned to the JUSMMAT at the U.S. Embassy in Turkey, served as an advisor to the National Republic of China during which time the Nationalists on Taiwan and the Communist Chinese were still actively at war with one another, created a language training program for the Chinese Air Force, and worked with the Iranian government and military to develop language training programs.

Upon returning to the United States, he worked with the Department of Defense to create curriculums for English as a secondary language for foreign military students. This work was performed at the Defense Language Institute at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. His travels would continue, with Pakistan, Iran, Kuwait, Turkey, Argentina, Peru, Chile, Italy, Germany, Spain, Japan, China, France, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, London, Africa, Portugal, and many other places being stopping points. Along the way he met many leaders, was the advisory to multiple foreign governments and their armies on behalf of the United States, and was a guest to many, including a respected Nobel Peace Prize nominee whose literature work he admired.

He would talk about many close calls, including purposely stepping foot onto

Soviet Union soil during the Cold War just to say he did, being present during attempts to overthrow foreign governments, and even having to come to the aid of fellow diplomats while in Lebanon and Pakistan. He was trapped in Taipei for days during Typhoon Gloria, as well as the island of Taiwan during the 1963 earthquake. Yet through it all, his faith in the Lord allowed him to persevere.

After Rex retired, he continued to travel, yet not as frequently. He was dedicated to service, and spent countless hours performing volunteer work for his church and other organizations. He spent over a decade working with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program of South Texas, and was awarded the title of "Big Brother of the Year" on three separate occasions. He would work on behalf of others in the San Antonio Mormon Temple, spending many hours a week there. His love and faith in God was one of the most remarkable traits about him.

Above all, his life motto was very clear, "God, Family, Country, and Service Before Self".

He was preceded in death by his parents Earl and Atha Montgomery of Heber City, Utah.

He is survived by his beloved wife Mary of San Antonio, Texas, their children Marta Barnes and husband Erin, of Ringling, Montana, Miguel Montgomery, and wife Diane of Weatherford, Texas, Mark, and wife, Chillon of Helotes, Texas; siblings, Ralph, and wife Shirley of Salt Lake City, Utah, Melvin, and wife Ruth of St. George, Utah, Marva Nelson, and husband John of St. George, Utah, Phil, and wife Lorraine of Orem, Utah; grandchildren, Bambi Prosser, and husband J.D. of Ringling, Montana, Jade Christensen, and husband Lucas of Eaton, Colorado, Buzz Barnes, and wife Rae Ann of

Roseburg, Oregon, Meagan Barnes of Ringling, Montana, Haden, Hennessy, Heston, and Hudson of Helotes, Texas; great-grandchildren, Peyden and Anika Prosser of Ringling, Montana, and Xander, Heston, and Adele of Eaton, Colorado; numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Service:

Tuesday, November 06, 2012

Viewing- 10:00 AM

Service- 11:00 AM

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

St. Cloud Chapel

2103 St. Cloud

San Antonio, Texas 78228

Graveside services with Military Honors:

Wednesday, November 07, 2012

09:30 AM

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach

San Antonio, Texas 78209