



## William Calvin Montgomery Jr.

October 3, 1934 - January 27, 2021

William (Bill) Calvin Montgomery, Jr., was born on October 3, 1934, in Houston, TX, to William Calvin Montgomery Sr. and RL (McBride) Montgomery. He met his Lord and Savior on January 27, 2021.

Bill grew up in Houston, TX, and graduated from Lamar High School in 1952. He continued his education at Rice University where he met and married the love of his life and wife of 61 years, Diane (Donnelly) Montgomery. There Bill earned three degrees (BA, BSEE, MSEE) including Outstanding Scientific Thesis at the Master's level. They moved to California where he completed his PhD-level coursework at Stanford University, while working in the defense industry on the Minuteman Rocket. They moved back to Houston where they had two children, Mark and Jenny.

Bill never missed their sporting events or activities in school or church. He loved his family garden, annual trips to Lake City, Colorado, family gatherings involving his son-in-law's famous pulled pork, and was a voracious reader amassing an extensive library. His gentle warm spirit and optimistic mindset set the stage for his providential outlook. Bill was the mentor and cornerstone of his children and grandchildren's faith and religious walk with Christ. One of the greatest recipients of his giving warm spirit is his granddaughter, Sage. Bill joyfully loved his Lord and Savior serving Him and studying His word throughout his life. Diane and Bill were part of the founding members of the Bellaire Reformed Baptist Church, where he was the music leader and his beloved wife, Diane, served as the piano accompanist. He also served as a Deacon and Sunday school teacher, forming lifelong friendships. He humbly, for his own edification, studied and knew the Bible which allowed him to share God's word generously.

Bill will be deeply missed by everyone who loved and knew him. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years: Diane Montgomery; daughter: Jennifer Van Cleve and husband Tim; grandchildren: Sage Montgomery, and Brock, Brooke, and Blake Van Cleve; and great-grandchildren; Calvin Montgomery, Cohen Baker, and Cadence Baker. He was preceded in death by his son: Mark Montgomery; sister: Beverly Koonce; and his parents. Funeral services will be held at 10:00AM on Monday, February 1, 2021, at Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Location. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park. A gathering of family and friends will take place prior to the service

beginning at 9:00 AM.

The service will also be live-streamed; please go to [www.oneromstreaming.com](http://www.oneromstreaming.com) and click on "watch your service" icon and use Event ID: resthavenrockwall and password: EGEEEXE

# Cemetery

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## Rest Haven Memorial Park

2500 State Highway 66  
East  
Rockwall, TX, 75087

# Events

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**FEB 1 Gathering** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall  
Location  
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

**FEB 1 Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall  
Location  
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

# Comments

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“ Though I only knew Bill for a few years, he was an example of Christ to me, demonstrating the fruit of the Holy Spirit, always encouraging and willing to listen. Though the Lord Jesus is our Savior and perfect example, I will always remember Bill's Christlikeness as one in whom the Lord worked and who functions as an example to me regarding what the Lord can do in my life, if I will allow Him. I will miss Bill, and I will be praying for Diane and her family. With tears I say that I look forward to speaking with Bill again one day soon!

**Eric Cade** - February 01 at 03:56 PM

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“ Bill was a kind and gentle man. We were fortunate to get to know Bill and Diane through our good friends Tim and Jenny. They were often there for family celebrations and holidays. Bill always impressed us with his intellect and kind spirit. His love of the Lord was very apparent. This must give his family great comfort at such a difficult time. He was also extremely proud of his grandchildren and you could see his eyes light up when he was around them. Bill made this earth a better place and I know he has been welcomed into Heaven with open arms.

Jim and Vicki Arrington

**James Arrington** - January 31 at 10:20 PM

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“ Bill was always so kind and sweet. A quick smile for everyone and only positive, encouraging words.

**Charlene Koonce** - January 31 at 09:34 PM