



## Jay Howe Montgomery

June 22, 1935 - July 31, 2023

Jay Howe Montgomery left this world on July 31, 2023. Jay was born on June 22, 1935, to Donald and Genevieve (Howe) Montgomery in Pontiac, Michigan and grew up on a farm in rural Illinois. He later moved back to Michigan to pursue his studies at Lawrence Institute of Technology earning a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering in 1956 and a Master's in Business from Wayne State University in 1969. It was in Detroit where he met and married Ruth Cary. They were married for 50 years, and upon his retirement as a Civil Engineer from the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, they became "full-timers" in their RV, enjoying their Florida life in the winter and beautiful northern Michigan in the summer. Ruth predeceased him in 2008. Jay continued the tradition of driving his home on wheels back and forth for many more years. Jay loved singing and was involved with many church choirs, ensembles and quartets, most recently at the First Baptist Church in Bushnell, Florida. It was there he met and married Joan Staats in 2016 and made Florida his permanent home.

Jay loved the Lord. He put his faith and hope in Him many years ago and knew that his Jesus would be waiting for him the moment he passed, to be welcomed into glory forever.

Jay is survived by his wife Joan, daughter Julie (Stan) Adler, stepsons Brian (Tracy) Ross and Michael Ross, nieces Gail Holland, Susan Helgeson, Jennifer Helgeson-Sarang, and nephew Mark (Judy) Holland.

Jay was also predeceased by his sister Donna and her husband Richard

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Cremation has taken place and there will be a private graveside memorial at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember him as Uncle Jay, as I do think of my mom dads cousins as my Aunts and Uncles! Every time I drove past Laurence Tech it made me think of him and his involvement there. I remember all of the family gatherings he was a part of. I especially remember a trip to the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes when I was very young, we had a great time! So it is wonderful to have such loving memories of your family. I'm sure he is enjoying life in that great Campground in the Sky with all of his loved ones! ❤️ Rest in Peace Uncle Jay!. 🙏🏻🕊️❤️



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**Dean Cary** - August 04, 2023 at 03:17 PM

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We are very sad to hear the news. I always remember Uncle Jay's smile, jovial nature, strong spirituality, great singing and musician, tried to stay updated and current even on Facebook at an older age. welcoming nature, growth mindset and so much more. He will be sadly missed! 🙏🏻🕊️

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**Jenny Sarang** - August 05, 2023 at 04:16 PM