



## Phillip Montgomery

March 16, 1943 - September 15, 2014

### Obituary of Phillip Montgomery

Phil Toler Montgomery passed away on Monday, Sept 15, 2014. He was born on March 16, 1943 in Greensboro, N.C. He is survived by the love of his life for 41 years, Charlotte Johnson Montgomery, brother Riley Montgomery and wife Nancy, nieces, Lynn Montgomery, Lisa Conklin and Jill Costner, nephew Eric Clark, son Philip and his faithful companion, Rex. He was predeceased by his son Chadwick at age 9 and sister Kay Clark. Phil was a devoted husband, father and friend.

Mr. Montgomery was a charter member of the Leesburg Elks Lodge and the Marion County Corvette Club. He was a former City Council member of the City of Fruitland Park. His most enjoyable club membership in his last years was the Dip a Dee Donuts "Old Retired Friends Club". The highlight of his day was getting his freshly baked donut and fresh cooked egg and sharing stories with all of his friends. Everyone who met Phil knew that he was a master storyteller. In addition, Phil was an avid history buff and loved to speak to anyone who showed an interest. If you had the time, he had the story, but, you had better be ready to settle in for a while, because he was a true southerner and with that southern drawl of his, his stories would surely take a while to be told.

His passion in life was mentoring others, whether it was sharing his Nascar driving experiences of how to be in 1st place on the last lap, to race car setups, fabricating, crew chiefing or mentoring life lessons in ethical and moral values or just lending an ear when one was needed. When he was given a secret to keep it was forever safe with him.

During his 20-year career in law enforcement in Citrus, Sumter and Lake Counties, as well as, the City of Fruitland Park, he was able to turn around many young men and women who were clearly headed down the wrong path back in the right direction, as many of them came to him in later years to personally thank him for his mentoring and his treatment of them. These were some of his proudest accomplishments and memories. Phil was also a master welder and fabricator and could build the most elaborate and intricate working machinery from steel and other forms of metal from the most primitive sketch.

Some of his favorite charities included Cornerstone Hospice; The Make a Wish Foundation and the Salvation Army. Our thanks go to The Villages Hospice House, the nursing staff and Dr. Liebersbach, neighbors and friends for their caring, kindness and companionship.

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## Services

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP my friend & Thank you for being a friend. GOD BLESS*

Bob Ellison - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Dearest Charlotte, What a beautiful tribute to a great man and beloved husband. You did an outstanding job at putting it together, it is honoring and so personal, as always Phil is very proud of you. My heart is with you, I also know you are in Good Hands and the Lord will watch over you, Emmanuel, God with us !! Love and Hugs, MaryAnn K*

Mary Ann Knox - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *As a former neighbor/friend, I am sorry to read of the death of Phil. We enjoyed your time in our neighborhood and appreciate his service to Fruitland Park as a city commissioner, even though I lost the election to him by just two votes. May God Bless you during this time.*

Tom Shepherd - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *So very, very sorry for your loss. I've talked to him on facebook (he's my second cousin) but I had no idea he was even sick.... May God be with all of you at this time... My thoughts and prayers are with you all... We have a new angel in Heaven and his name is Phil.*

Diane Perkins Jackson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ He will always be GRANDPA Phil to my kids!! Phil and Chad are together and hopefully having a blast!! Love always The Winter Family.

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**Tony Winter** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Phil was a special person. He always had a story and a helping hand. May he rest in peace. with love Bob Kuperberg

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**Bob Kuperberg** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Sorry for your loss Charlotte, he seemed like a great man. Heavens a better place him an Chad maybe fishing

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**Jimmie Simmons** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Charlotte We give u our condolences and know the Lord will be there for you and ease your hurt and pain. Take Care God Bless

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**Earl and Debbie Allen** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ May the love you feel around you help ease the ache in your heart.. My condolences.. Charlotte, I'm around he corner if you need anything..

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**Pauline Smith** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Char, I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Phillip! I send my love and prayers. Hang in there!

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**Rhonda Hill** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Phillip Montgomery*

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