

M.H. Montgomery Jr. | 1942-2014

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M.H. Montgomery Jr., 71, of Decatur died Tuesday, May 13, 2014, in Decatur.

A visitation and celebration of life service will be 6-8 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at The Cantina at C.L. and Patti Gage's house. Private graveside service will be Sunday, May, 18.

Honorary pallbearers are C.L. Gage, Bart Barton, Mark Montgomery, Josh Perkins, Jerry Owen, Mark Downe and James Dixon.

M.H. was born May 25, 1942, to Marion Henry and Vivian (Hachtel) Montgomery in Decatur. He graduated from Decatur High School in 1960 and attended the University of North Texas, also working various jobs while in the Army National Guard.

While in the Guard he attended the NCO Academy as well as OCS. He was honorably discharged from the Guard in 1970 with a rank of First Lieutenant. He then began a 38-year career with Temple Inc., an electrical supply distributor. He started in the warehouse and worked his way up to outside sales. Over the course of his career he made many lifelong friends, both co-workers and customers.

M.H. had a strong love of cooking, and there wasn't much he couldn't cook well. Known for spending his weekends smoking briskets, chickens and ribs, he was also a master of

the grill and was renowned for his steaks and burgers. Homemade chili, BBQ sauce and sausage were just a few of the things he loved to create.

He enjoyed fast cars, and took pride in a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air that he and his brother, Dalton, had restored. Never at a loss for words or lacking knowledge, he loved to sit with friends and family and talk for hours. He retired from what is now H.D. Supply in 2009 and spent the remainder of his life on his land that he loved, with his brother and good friends.

He is survived by a daughter, Allie Montgomery of Fort Worth; son Clay Montgomery and Jackie of Fort Worth; grandchildren Bryson, Shelby and Farrah; brother Dalton Montgomery and wife, Sharon, of Decatur; niece Angie Browning and husband, Sean, of Decatur; nephew Chad Montgomery of Decatur; numerous other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Emma Faye Robinson.