



*Flowers of the Forest*

**Roy Dennis Montgomery**

A pioneer of Clan Montgomery Society passed away September 18, 2005. CMSI member # 669, Roy Dennis Montgomery, of Blacksburg, Virginia, had been the Recording Genealogist for CMSI for many years before illness forced his retirement. The following obituary appeared in the Roanoke Times:

"Roy Dennis Montgomery, 59, of Blacksburg, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 18, 2005. Born June 8, 1946 in the Sunnyside Community of Montgomery County to Lucinda Long Montgomery and the late Barney Graham Montgomery, he was preceded in death by his wife of 34 years, Norma Jean Thompson Montgomery. Roy worked in Hop In Stores for a numerous years. Then he went to work for Virginia Tech for 20 plus years retiring from there in 1993. Roy was very active in his genealogy, friends and his faith in God. Roy was a member of the Clan Montgomery Society and was recording genealogist for numerous years. Left to cherish his memory are his loving daughter, Mistie Dawn Montgomery and fiancé Chris Merriman, both of Vinton; his mother Lucinda Long Montgomery of Blacksburg; his mother-in-law Norma Smith Thompson of Blacksburg; sister and brother-in-law Louise and Don Saville of Blacksburg; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert W. and Albertine Faye Montgomery of Shawsville; Curtis A. and Judy Moyer Montgomery of Lexington, SC, and Archie F. and Nina Mebel Montgomery of Blacksburg; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; special friends Joseph and Robbie Jones of Blacksburg, and Steve Taylor of Roanoke; special uncles and aunts, Ralph and Mabel Long, Ira and Louise Long, and Hubert Long, all of Blacksburg; foster sister-in-law Hope Abu-Qattan of Roanoke; and foster brother-in-law Ralph Alls and family of Blacksburg." Funeral services were held September 22 and burial followed in the Montgomery section of the Zack Price/James R. Long Memorial Cemetery. The Rev. Jimmy Price officiated at the services.

Current CMSI Genealogy Coordinator John C. Montgomery had this to say about Roy, "I first met Roy Montgomery when I attended my first AGM in Glasgow, KY in 1991. Roy was there leading the genealogy session and demonstrating his new CMSI genealogy database which he had created by personally key-entering over 6600 records into PAF. He also created the Earliest Ancestor List which attempts to group members and other genealogy submitters together who are known or suspected to be related."

"After the AGM in August, 1992, I took over the genealogy database from Roy and he shipped me all of the records that had been submitted to that time. Since that time I have tried to continue the work that he started."

"Although he relinquished his post as Recording Genealogist, Roy continued to be active in CMSI and was a Regent in the Mid-Atlantic Region under Rowan and Monty Perkins. I suspect that they can provide you with more details about Roy, particularly in regard to his activities as Regent. At some point a few years later, his eyesight began to fail and had to relinquish all of his duties."

"At any rate, Roy was the catalyst for computerizing our genealogy database and greatly furthering our genealogy efforts."

*Friendship, peculiar boon of Heav'n,  
The noble mind's delight and pride,  
To men and angels only giv'n,  
To all the lower world denied.*

Samuel Johnson: *Friendship: An Ode*