



## Kenneth Allen Montgomery

December 24, 1940 - November 28, 2020

Kenneth Allen Montgomery, 79, of Evansville, IN passed away November 28, 2020 surrounded by family at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, IN. Ken was born on December 24, 1940 in Dubuque, IA. He was the son of Keith Austin Montgomery and Evelyn Mehl Montgomery.

Ken married Constance (Connie) Pierce Hughes at Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, FL on March 20, 1964. Ken and Connie enjoyed returning to “The Reef” for Spring Breaks with children, grandchildren, and extended family for the next 56 wonderful years of marriage. Ken was an Iowa all-state football athlete for Dubuque Senior High School. He went on to play football for the University of Wisconsin Badgers on scholarship. Two of his college years, including his senior year, the Badgers won the Big Ten conference and went to the Rose Bowl. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1964 with a BS degree in Geology and Paleontology.

Ken envisioned a career in oil exploration. However, just out of college Ken accepted an offer from Texas Instruments and became a supervisor in the semiconductor business. In 1965, few people including Ken, had any idea what a microchip was or how it would change the world. He worked on many projects including the Minute Man and Poseidon missile systems. In 1968, he began working in the furniture business at Flexsteel Industries, Inc. He started in management at the Waxahachie, TX division, moving up to the position of corporate Vice President and general manager of the Evansville Reclining Chair division. In 1992, Ken started Crestmont Corp., an Evansville furniture services business, serving as President for the next 20 years working alongside skilled and valued associates including his daughter and other family members.

Ken enjoyed travel and playing golf. Ken experienced a hole-in-one, twice. His first, while in Scotland at Gleneagles with his son, Chris, as a witness, and one locally at Evansville Country Club where he was a member. Ken was also a member of Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, FL. In college, he was a member of The W Club and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. In Evansville, Ken was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, and

was part of the church's initial Kenya mission project.

Those left to honor his memory include his loving wife, Connie, daughter Kimberly Sullivan (Patrick) of Evansville, son Chris Montgomery (Sheila) of Dublin, OH; three grandsons, Kyle Sullivan (Seattle, WA), Ben Montgomery (Dublin, OH), Matthew Montgomery (Dublin, OH); sister, Elenore Wolff (Gus) of Dubuque, IA, brother, Bruce Montgomery (Gina) of Glen Allen, VA; sisters-in-law, Nan Reider (Mike), Kay Thieleke; aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law Mary Lou and Herb Hughes; and brother-in-law Doug Thieleke.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be considered through donations to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, PO Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777; the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), 200 Vesey Street, 28th Floor, New York, NY 10281; or the Aldersgate United Methodist Church Capital Fund, 5130 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, IN 47715.

A private memorial service will be scheduled in the future.

Condolences may be made online at <http://www.ziemerfuneralhome.com>.

# Comments

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“ Dear Connie, In Ken's own words, "Thank you for our thankfulness" . We are so grateful and blessed to have so many wonderful memories over the years..From being our best man at Nan and my wedding over 55 years ago, i have so many memories of going on trips, Ken teaching our boys how to throw a football, his coming to games to watch the boys play, great dinners at the Country Club and the Kennel Club, and other places, occasional golf outings, and watching football games, and trips to casinos both near and far- all cherished times to smile about. Ken will always be in our thoughts and in our hearts .He set a great example in this private life and in business.

**nancy Reider** - December 06, 2020 at 05:35 PM

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“ Dearest Connie. i have always been blessed to have the best sister ever, but in 8th grade you met your "Dream Boat" and and brought me a brother I loved and a lifetime of favorite memories of the times we shared.. Neither you or Ken ever complained of my tagging along - whether it was on a date ,or across the country to Texas or back again to Evansville,.I remember coming over after work to play board games, and you and Ken would "gang up on me" and never let me win However,, that didn't stop me from coming over again and again eve though I would suffer the same defeat. When on trips, len would always find a time to stop at a nearby casino, just because he knew i would love to go,Even when you preferred to stay home, Ken always took Mike and me, sometimes Kay, and often Mar just to make us happy.,Love, Peanut

**nancy Reider** - December 06, 2020 at 04:44 PM

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“ To Connie and family, Elly and Bruce,  
Sending our sympathies to all of you at this sad time. As I am probably Kenny's youngest cousin, I don't have as many memories as my siblings. However, the heart never forgets the warmth and joy of family get-togethers, especially with the Montgomery's. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Neil and Sue (Welu) Spoden

**Sue Spoden** - December 04, 2020 at 10:06 AM

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“ To the family of Ken Montgomery: Ken was a year ahead of my DHS graduating class of 1965. I knew him from when I was in first grade at Bryant School. He was an incredible athlete in every sport he ever took on. I remember him best as an incredible swimmer at the summertime Music Camp years when he would always beat me in any race by half a pool length! He also played cornet in the band all through high school, and, as a junior, I sat next to him his senior year. He was such a good friend - always happy and positive! I never saw him after high school, but did see him play football at UW a time or two (I went to rival Iowa). To Connie and Bruce, I remember the both of you from high school, too, and I am very sad to learn of Ken's passing. You have my sincere sympathy in your loss, as does all your family members. I am very happy to learn of the life Ken made for himself and his obvious wonderful family. God bless you all in this sad time. Sincerely, Dale Daniels

**Dale Daniels** - December 02, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ Correction: My Dubuque High School graduation year was 1960! Sorry! Dale Daniels

**Dale Daniels** - December 02, 2020 at 11:49 AM

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“ Connie, Eleanor and Bruce,  
My condolences to the three of you and your families. I have many great memories of the time spent at the Montgomery home. Many years have passed but those great memories are still vivid. Ken's passing was very sad news to receive and just added to a very bad year.  
Paul Welu

**Paul Welu** - December 01, 2020 at 10:50 PM

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“ Connie, I am one of Ken's cousins from Dubuque. Ken was a great guy and I remember many childhood get togethers with him. I also remember watching him when he played football at Senior. I was so proud I was related to him. I am so sad for your loss and will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.  
Nancy Welu

**Nancy Welu** - December 01, 2020 at 07:48 PM

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“ Hi Connie.

This is John Miley contacting you for both myself and Carole. I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your wonderful husband. I enjoyed so much talking with him, mainly when I was on my walks with our dogs. Reading the obit certainly was enlightening. Wow, I only knew of his exploits on the gridiron at Wisconsin. The rascal never shared any of the other parts of his life with me..

When Carole came into my room today, she asked if I had seen the obits today, I said no and she told me about Ken. I wish you could have seen my face. She could have mentioned any name of anybody I ever knew and I would not have been more sorry to hear of this particular death.

I have many memories of our conversations, our trips to your back yard to show me how it was so well kept, watching him mow the yard as I was walking by, and so much more. He even shared some of his tools so that I could fix things at our home.

I am just going to say one more thing. I have never known a more wonderful pair than you and Ken. He will be missed by more than you can even imagine. Thank you for being such an influence on my life. The Lord certainly blessed me when he let me know you two.

John

**John Miley** - December 01, 2020 at 04:58 PM

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“ If I could have designed a brother he would have been exactly like Ken. Thank you, Connie, for loving this awesome man and sharing him with all of us. Kay Thieleke

**Kay Thieleke** - December 01, 2020 at 04:43 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I never met Ken but based on the character of his son, Chris, Ken was a wonderful man. I hope you find comfort in family in this time of loss.  
- Terri Brown

**Terri Brown** - December 01, 2020 at 12:13 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Ken’s passing. Keeping the family in our prayers. John and Sandy Mehling (Aldersgate)

**Sandy Mehling** - December 01, 2020 at 07:52 AM