



Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery

December 12, 1931 - June 5, 2022

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Kenneth (Ken) Montgomery passed away on Sunday, June 5, 2022, at the age of 90. He died at home surrounded by all nine of his children. He lived a very healthy life until the last few years when his mind was still sharp but other ailments caught up with him. His last few days were spent at home talking with his children and grandchildren, telling stories, and laughing and crying together.

To tell the story of Ken's Life is to tell the story of Ken and Shirley. They were married for 65 years. Shirley passed away in 2019. Their devotion to each other was an inspiration to everyone who knew them. They were long-time members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anderson.

Ken is survived by his 9 children, 25 grandchildren, and 31 great-grandchildren; son, Mike Montgomery (Karla); daughter, Kathy Montgomery Gooding; daughter, Judy Ryan; son, David Montgomery (Nancy); son, Andy Montgomery (Debbie - deceased); son, John Montgomery (Kathryn); daughter, Mary Smith (John); son, Tom Montgomery (Andrea); and son, Bill Montgomery (Kim). Also, surviving is his sister Sheila Hiebert (Lyle). He also had a sister Winfred Anne who passed away. Also surviving are Sister-in-law and Brother-in-law Judy and Dave Grissmer.

Ken was born in Clinton, Indiana in 1931 to Noel and Ruby (Rubbert) Montgomery. His family moved to the south side of Indianapolis from Clinton when Ken was young. He spent summers on the family farm in Parke County

Indiana. He attended Southport High School where he played football, basketball, and ran track.

He attended one year at Butler University but then enlisted in the Army from 1952 until 1954 during the Korean War. He was last stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. During a leave in June of 1954, he met Shirley on a blind date, and after an honorable discharge from the Army, Ken and Shirley were married in December 1954. They lived and attended Auburn University in Alabama where he graduated second in his class from Architectural School. After graduation, Ken worked for Sherlock, Smith, and Adams, a large Architectural Firm in Montgomery Alabama. From there, Ken and his growing family moved back to Indianapolis where he worked for Everett I. Brown Architects. Through a family connection in 1959, he was hired by Anderson Architect Arthur B. Henning, and the family moved to Anderson. During his time with Art Henning, he designed many Anderson Buildings including Anderson City Hall, The Krannert Fine Arts Building at Anderson University, and The Anderson No. 1 Fire Station.

In 1978 Ken and Shirley founded K. R. Montgomery & Associates. The firm is now named krM Architecture. The firm he started and led has now grown to 28 people completing designs throughout Indiana and the Midwest. He was the Indiana AIA president in 1986. In 2016, krM Architecture was named the Indiana "Firm of the Year" by his peer architects and Ken accepted the Award for the firm. In 2017, Ken and Shirley were named "Entrepreneurs of the year" by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Some of the firm's projects include the Anderson Public Library, Anderson University Wellness Center, Anderson University Library, Eastside Elementary School, and Community Hospital Surgery Expansion. Outside of Anderson, the firm has designed about 40 public libraries, several schools, health facilities, and historic restoration projects. While slowing down his work starting at age 77, Ken continued to work helping clients and on projects until April 2022. Ken always talked warmly about his work with his friends at Anderson University and the projects they allowed him to design. His favorite project was Reardon

Auditorium at Anderson University completed in 1984.

Ken was very hard-working and energetic, but he also enjoyed his life. Chief among his interests were snow skiing, golf, and travel. A family tradition was taking the entire family on ski trips primarily to places in Michigan and Colorado. All nine children, spouses, and grandchildren learned to snow ski through these trips. Ken continued to ski until age 82. In the last few years, he enjoyed visiting family at Lake Lemon and deep-sea fishing in Florida with family trips arranged by his son John.

To his family, it seems that God blessed Ken Montgomery as one of the richest men on earth.

We will miss him always.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 10, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at St Mary's Catholic Church, 1115 Pearl Street, Anderson, IN, 46016.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, at 1:00 p.m., at the church with Fr. Marty Sandhage officiating.

Burial will be at East Maplewood Cemetery where military honors will be conducted.

Memorial contributions may be made to Anderson University.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **10**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1115 Pearl Street
Anderson, IN 46016

Service

JUN **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery.*



June 11, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *We are all sending some love and comfort to the entire Montgomery family ! From all the Shively's .*

Paul Shively - June 10, 2022 at 06:49 PM

JG

“ I first met Ken when I was 13 years old, nearly 70 years ago, when as a tall handsome soldier he came to my front door for a blind date with my big sister Shirley. You all know the story – he never left! Since then, I have felt nothing but gratitude for the presence of this kind and steady man in my sister’s life, our parents’ life, and then in my own family’s life. Throughout the years, even after Dave and I moved to Virginia, Shirley and Ken came to visit or advise us on each new home we purchased, built or repaired, helped us decorate the rental beach home we built in North Carolina, and even designed the interior of new office space for me and my colleagues when we set up our office in Northern Virginia. Ken was always able to tell us what each of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were doing, and to remember details of my own children’s and grandchildren’s lives. When we had a chance to join Ken and Shirley for travel, he introduced a spirit of adventure that always included a surprise on the first day of the trip - deep sea fishing in Sanibel Island, a red trolley car ride on a mountaintop tour of Glacier Bay Park. . . A favorite memory in later years was of us driving to the highest mountain peak 14,000 ft? in Rocky Mountain State Park with Dave and I and Shirley and Ken all taking turns sucking on his oxygen tank to make it to the top. We laughed uncontrollably when Dave remarked he felt like he was driving an ambulance up the side of a mountain. Ken was always kind to my parents in their later years. When my mother was in her 90’s he brought her to our beach house in North Carolina and set her up to go surf fishing. What a blessing to be included in the life circle of this remarkable and good human being. What an inspiration to see his commitment to family, to fun, to his community, to sustainable architecture. His last words to me the night before he died were that all his family was there wanting him to tell stories, and his saying sheepishly that he was having a good time. Rest in peace and light, Ken, with your family’s gratitude and love surrounding you. Judy.

Judy Grissmer - June 10, 2022 at 09:01 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.loosefuneralhomes.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery.

June 09, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery.



June 09, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery.



June 09, 2022 at 08:04 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery.



June 09, 2022 at 12:55 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery.*



June 08, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ *I was the little sister who read the comic books that Ken brought home.*

Sheila Montgomery Seibel - June 08, 2022 at 06:01 PM



*Sheila, please accept our sympathy for the loss of your dear brother.
Love, Dave and Judy*

Judith Grissmer - June 09, 2022 at 03:52 PM



“ *AIA Indiana purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery.*



AIA Indiana - June 08, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery.*



June 08, 2022 at 04:09 PM

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“ Mike and Leslie Wickham purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery.



Mike and Leslie Wickham - June 08, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery.



June 08, 2022 at 08:49 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery.



June 07, 2022 at 10:23 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery.



June 07, 2022 at 07:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Rubbert Montgomery.*



June 07, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ *A wise man. You were such a caring soul. I love and miss you.*
-Reece



reece - June 07, 2022 at 04:08 PM



He loved you very much, Reece.

Mary - June 13, 2022 at 03:43 PM