



## Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery

September 1, 1940 - August 22, 2019

MONTGOMERY, Mr. Paul Lawrence - Age 78, passed away Thursday, August 22, 2019 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 11:30 AM Friday, August 30, 2019 at Victorious Word Church, G-3560 Beecher Rd., with a memorial service commencing at 12:00 PM Pastor Rodney Murphy officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the church 11:30 AM Friday. There will be no public viewing. MONTGOMERY, Paul Lawrence – age 78, departed this life and went home to be with the Lord at 10:12 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2019. Paul Lawrence was born on September 1, 1940 in Thomasville, Georgia to Eleanor (Hadley) and Howard Montgomery. The second of six children, he was raised in Flint, Michigan by his parents Eleanor and Sullivan “C.L.” Conner. Affectionately called by his middle name, Lawrence was always very responsible, goal-oriented and a detailed planner. He attended Flint Central High School and graduated in 1958. High school is where he met the love of his life, Dianne Marie Burns. Paul enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1961 and served at Selfridge Air Force Base in Michigan; Dreux, France; and Ramstein, Germany until he was honorably discharged as a Senior Airman on October 4, 1965. Lawrence and Dianne were married in a military-uniformed wedding before his tour in Germany on August 31, 1963. They had two daughters from their union, Jill Renee and Dawn Denise “Didi”. Lawrence and Dianne were committed in marriage for 49 years until she went home to be with the Lord. He honored his marriage vows through sickness and in health by diligently caring for his wife every day through a debilitating illness. During

their union, he committed his life to Christ and they had prayer and bible study in their home. A faithful employee at General Motors, he was well-respected during his time in the factory. He retired from General Motors Customer Service and Warranty Center on Hamilton Avenue in Flint.

It was important to Lawrence to keep a well-manicured lawn, a clean Cadillac and managed finances. He was a self-taught investor and had extensive knowledge about the stock market and financial management. He prided himself on being responsible and taking care of his family. While he enjoyed family vacations, family gatherings, Detroit Lions football and Detroit Pistons basketball; his greatest joy was being a husband and father. Lawrence and Dianne raised Jill and Didi to be reliable, responsible and driven. They ensured that both were able to attend Big Ten Universities. He was extremely proud of both daughters' accomplishments. Certainly known for his directness and forthrightness, he also had a heart of gold and generous spirit. He was always making sure that his family was taken care of. This extended to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren who affectionately called him "Poppy". His generosity to his family was a direct reflection of his love. Lawrence's influence extended to his siblings, nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly. They often came to him for advice because of his wisdom and accountability. Paul Lawrence Montgomery leaves to cherish his memory: two daughters Jill (Calvin) Orr of Flint and Dawn Denise (Douglas) Capers of White Lake, MI; beloved grandchildren Nicole and Nicolas Walton, Clark and Alexis Capers, Calvin and Quinnia Orr; two great-grandchildren Jordyn McMillian and Jaxson Odom; three sisters Doris Conner, Karen Hinton and Mary Dozier; one brother Keith Conner; one brother-in-law Kenneth (DeITonya) Burns; one sister-in-law Carolyn (Eugene) Smith; many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends including Paul Lawrence Davis, Ronald and Lola Watkins, Darnita Evans and the Senior Breakfast Club from McDonald's and Dawn Donuts. Mr. Montgomery was preceded in death by his loving wife, Dianne Marie (Burns) Montgomery, parents, Sullivan Conner and Eleanor Conner; Howard Montgomery; grandparents; brothers Norris Alton

Montgomery and Harold Lloyd Montgomery.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Family hour

AUG 30. 11:30 AM (ET)

Victorious Word Church  
G-3560 Beecher Rd.  
Flint, MI 48507

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Didi Montgomery Capers** - October 15, 2019 at 10:17 PM



“ *Many memories of family gatherings in the Montgomery Home!!  
Lawrence's presence will be missed!  
Heaven is more organized with music playing in the background* ❤️



**Cathy (kucklehead#3!)** - August 29, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ *To the Montgomery/Conner families, Lawrence was a great man, a giving man, during the Ice storm a few years back we lost power, as did most of Flint, Lawrence was kind enough to open his home to us myself and Darnita for a couple of days I believe..didn't have too but he did we will forever be grateful, caring, compassionate, fun loving man who I we, considered a friend..RIH, RIP my friend. Leonard( Darnita ) Copeland*

**Leonard Copeland** - August 29, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery.*



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August 29, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ *Love, Tracey, Joe and Kyle Courts purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery.*



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**Love, Tracey, Joe and Kyle Courts** - August 29, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ *Mary Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery*



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**Mary Morris** - August 29, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ *Brenda K.(Hickman)-Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery*



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**Brenda K.(Hickman)-Lee** - August 28, 2019 at 06:43 PM

SA

“*Doug and DeDe, we are sorry for your loss! We will continue to keep your family in our prayers!*

*God Bless,  
Richard and Sonya Austin*

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**Sonya Austin** - August 28, 2019 at 06:40 PM



“*Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery.*



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August 28, 2019 at 04:26 PM

JN

“*I had the pleasure more like honor of being Mr. Paul caregiver and med tech. His personality lit up any room he entered, he was truly amazing and I loved the many stories and words of wisdom he would offer me through out my shifts. I will miss hearing stories from his time and listing to his jazz music on his phone. Dede and Jill thank you so much for allowing me to be there for your father. -Jackie*



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**Jaquarra Neal** - August 28, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery.*



August 28, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ *Jill and DeDe, we are so terribly sorry for your loss. May the peace of God that passes all understanding comfort you during your time of bereavement.*

**Rene' & Kelvin (Jackie's sister)** - August 27, 2019 at 05:12 PM



“ *Cire lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery*



**cire** - August 27, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ *Marsha Eagle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery*



**Marsha Eagle** - August 26, 2019 at 05:51 PM

PH

“ *Pallastean Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery*



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**Pallastean Harris** - August 26, 2019 at 11:22 AM

TR

“ *My sincere condolences to Lawrence's family Jill, DeDe and grandchildren . You all had a great Father who made sure you were always taken care of. . Now he is resting in heaven.with your mom Diane. Job well done! Tureia Roberts Nashville Tn*



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**Tureia Roberts** - August 26, 2019 at 06:47 AM

SH

“ *Condolences to Jill and Dee Dee and family. I have known Paul for only five years, but during that short time have experienced a lifetime of friendship. He loved his wife and family more than anything and he knew Jesus. He was a kind and considerate man who enjoyed music and outdoor concerts and spending time with his family. He was always willing to help anyone without expecting anything in return. I am proud to call him my special friend and will say Rest In Peace. I will see you again on that great gettin' up morning. Sadie Hickman*

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**sadie hickman** - August 25, 2019 at 07:04 PM

BW

“ *Barbara MORRIS WRIGHT lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery*



Barbara MORRIS WRIGHT - August 25, 2019 at 03:10 PM

MP

“ *MIN PAM sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery*



MIN PAM - August 24, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ *Kimberly Hall-Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery*



Kimberly Hall-Miller - August 24, 2019 at 05:45 PM

WB

“ *William & Neysa Burns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Paul Lawrence Montgomery*



William & Neysa Burns - August 24, 2019 at 02:56 PM

BK

*Even though I've only known Oaul for a short period , he seemed to be very well versed and intelligent man that loved and cherished everyone he met with kindness and respect .I'm grateful to have had him as a friend and a friend to my mom. You will be missed ... Rest in Heaven Paul. 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Brenda K.(Hickman)-Lee** - August 28, 2019 at 06:48 PM

CI

*“ I had the pleasure of being mr.pauls caregiver and I tell you he was an amazing person. He could just smile and it would light up The entire room . I will forever and a day Miss you Paul ❤️*

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**cire** - August 24, 2019 at 02:36 PM