

DARRYL MONTGOMERY

Obituary

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Monty Montgomery was born to Cleo Glaze and Orland Montgomery in Visalia, CA. He graduated from Visalia Senior High School in 1954, and joined the United States Air Force that summer. His parents had to sign for him, since he was only 17 years old. After Officer Candidate School and flight training, Monty was commissioned as a bomber pilot for Strategic Air Command. He returned to California seven years later and joined the Fresno Air National Guard 194th Squadron, flying the F-86 and the F-102 aircraft. In January 1967, he was hired by United Airlines and trained in Denver, CO. Billie Jean and John Pickett, his friends from Hunter Air Force Base, Georgia, were witnesses of his marriage to Mary Frances Myers on April 18, 1967, in Cheyenne, WY. Monty's first domicile with United Airlines was Washington D.C. He tried to join the D.C.

Air National Guard, but had to join the Virginia wing instead. There were too many pilots in D.C. Much to Mary's relief, Monty was safe flying F-84's in Virginia when the D.C. wing was deployed to Vietnam. One year later, Monty and Mary settled in Sunnyside, Fresno, CA, as he returned to 194th Squadron and continued to fly with United from several domiciles, including San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago. Monty retired from the Air National Guard in 1975, as a Lieutenant Colonel. After 22 years flying with United, he retired as a captain in 1989. Monty leaves his wife, Mary, of 50 years; and their children, David Montgomery and wife Kristin, and Lisa Montgomery-Morris. He also leaves six grandchildren, Katherine, Madeline, Jacob, Elizabeth, Mason and Julian. The family would like to thank St. Agnes Hospice, and Elizabeth from dedicated care for the support and comfort they provided for Monty this month. A Graveside Service will be held at Fresno Memorial Gardens on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 12:00 noon. In lieu of flowers, donations in Monty's memory may be made to St. Agnes Hospice, Wounded Warriors Project; or another favored charity.

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