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Gary Michael Montgomery of Fort Myers, Florida passed away peacefully at home on Friday, December 10, 2010 at 5:53 PM. He was 60 years old. Gary was born in Troy, New York on February 2, 1950. He was predeceased by his parents, John E. and Helen Montgomery of Clifton Park, NY. He graduated from Shenendehowa High School in 1969 and then joined the U.S. Air Force as a medical corpsman, serving from 1969 until his honorable discharge in 1973. His love for the New York Yankees and New York Giants is well known by all who knew Gary. He also loved music and played the drums as a teenager. He loved cooking for his family, particularly at holidays. Gary was active in sports, both playing and coaching after relocating to Fort Myers in 1984. He played in the Roy Hobbs league and the Caloosahatchee Mudcats, playing second base. He coached his son, Jeff, as well as other youngsters in Bonita Springs with the t-ball Angels. Following that stint, he coached in San Carlos Park, where he resided until 1993 when he began coaching Babe Ruth in Cape Coral. He was an All-Star coach. Gary spent thirty-five years in the medical field in Albany, New York and Doctor's Hospital in Cheverly, Maryland, before relocating to Fort Myers. He worked at Southwest Regional Medical Center and HealthPark Medical Center in the cardiothoracic field, alongside Drs. Pascotto, Sidell, Metke, Hummel and Stapleton. He was very proud to work by their sides. Gary's greatest joys were his children. He beamed when son Jeff presented him with his first grandchild. He was thrilled when his daughter, Pam, represented the state of Florida in gymnastics at the Junior Olympics and he joyously celebrated daughter Julie's graduation from USF in 2009. Gary is survived by his life partner, Sandi Falk of San Carlos Park, his son, Jeff (Cindy) Montgomery of Hernando, Florida, his daughters: Pam (Matt) Kennedy of Euless, Texas and Julie Montgomery and her partner,



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Michael Gonzales of Lutz, Florida as well as Michael (Shari) Falk of Coral Springs, FL. He is also survived by his brothers, John (Pat) Montgomery of Huntingtown, Maryland and David Bruce (Ann) Montgomery of Newtown, Connecticut. Gary was a proud grandfather to Richard Jenkins and Rebekah Montgomery of Hernando, FL. He leaves many loving nieces and nephews. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to youth sports activities in local communities. Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community in San Carlos Park with burial to follow in Sarasota National Cemetery. Friends will be received from 4 - 7 PM on Monday, December 13, 2010 at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907, 239-936-0555.



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SF

Sandi Falk posted:

Thank you to everyone who visited with us on Monday evening. It meant so much. Gary is resting in peace at the VA Cemetery in Sarasota; I know he would be pleased. It is peaceful and beautiful and the grounds are meticulous. The Air Force honor guard was amazing and, again, I know he is smiling at the special moments of the past two days. I also want to thank everyone, on behalf of Gary's children, Jeff, Pam, and Julie, for all the kindness and support given us during these difficult days. It has meant a great deal to all of us. To my beloved Gary, rest in peace. I will keep my word as I did last week. I love you.

December 15 at 8:22 PM

JF

Jeff Montgomery And Family posted:

Now that you are free from pain, go and enjoy all that the other side has to offer you. This is not goodbye, I will see you again soon.

December 15 at 9:36 AM

GP

Gena Phillips posted:

Sandy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May the peace of our Lord help you find comfort and strength. Gary is free from all pain and earthly sufferings. You honored his wishes to be at home when it was his time. He is resting peacefully.

December 13 at 1:03 PM

DH

Dona Hoyt posted:

I first met Gary when I moved to Florida in 1987. What I admired of him the most was the devotion he had to his children, especially when it came to missing any of their games. In our field, especially his chosen specialty of Open Heart Surgery, you just can't leave when your shift is over. During "Season" he missed many games, however, he would constantly talk about previous game and how well his children were doing. Believe me; if he wasn't physically there, he certainly was emotionally! My sincere condolences to Sandi, his children, and the rest of Gary's family

December 12 at 5:53 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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