



## Ruth Irene Montgomery

August 29, 1929 - January 3, 2021

Ruth Irene Bowman Montgomery was born August 29, 1929 to Charles and Goldie Bowman in Reddington, Indiana. Irene was the third of ten children. She attended a two-room school at Reddington, grades 1-8 and graduated from Shields High School in 1947. Irene met the love of her life, Tom Montgomery on a blind date. They married December 24, 1948. They were married 56 years until Tom's death in 2004.

Irene worked at an insurance agency until the birth of her first child, Joyce, then remained at home raising two sons, Dan and Charles. She returned to work as an Abstractor for Haley and Farrow attorneys at law in order to help put all three children through college. She was a life-long member of Reddington Christian Church.

Irene entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior on January 3, 2021 at age 91. She is survived by two sisters, Jenny Lutes and Shirley Sandefur, one brother, Jim Bowman, her children, Joyce (Larry) Musselman of Crawfordsville, Dan (Jane) Montgomery of Westfield and Charles (Roberta) Montgomery of Seymour. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, 6 siblings and 1 great-grandchild. Friends may visit with Irene's family from 12:00 to 2:00 PM with the service being held at 2 PM Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at Reddington Christian Church, 10516 US-31, Seymour, IN 47274 with Pastor Scott Brown officiating. Face masks will be required at the church and social distancing will be practiced. Memorials may be made through Burkholder Chapel to Reddington Christian Church or Alzheimer's Research.

Arrangements entrusted to Burkholder Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes, 419 N. Chestnut Street, Seymour, IN. Interment will be at Reddington Cemetery. Please share memories and condolences at [www.burkholderfuneralchapel.com](http://www.burkholderfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Reddington Cemetery

Hwy 31  
Reddington, IN 47274

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 6.** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Reddington Christian Church  
10516 US-31  
Seymour, IN 47274

## Service

**JAN 6.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CM

“ I blame Aunt Irene for everything! I blame her for introducing me to Jesus, personal hygiene, motherly love, and a gentle humor. I blame her for all my successes and an education toward being a better human being. She opened her house to Cindy and I when they didn't have excess, and shared graciously - truly a debt that can never be repaid.

Sorry we can't be there in person - you really deserve our respect; but these are unusual times.

Colonel (ret) Jay B. Montgomery

P.S. Really sorry about that sprinkler under the chair thing.

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Colonel (ret) Jay B. Montgomery - January 05, 2021 at 01:52 PM

CF

With you in spirit, the sprinkler thing is part of Montgomery lore, as is the great “over salted cow fudge adventure.” We won't discuss the cubby hole.

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Cynthia Fairfield - January 05, 2021 at 03:31 PM

KB

“ Joyce, Dan, and Charlie - I am so sorry for your loss. Irene was an amazing woman, I am so thankful she was part of my childhood. I will always remember her warm smile and quiet sense of humor. She was loved very much. May God bless all of you.

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Kim Barnett - January 05, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Irene Montgomery.



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January 05, 2021 at 01:34 PM

BW

“ Irene was a good neighbor for many years. My sincere sympathy to her family.

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Bonita Welch - January 05, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *She was the BEST grandma and great grandma to all of Charles and Roberta's family. Wish she could have meet her great great grandchildren.*

*One of the many memories we had was a winnie- roast at her home. Another is her handwriting her buckeye recipe for me, it is laminated.*

*Grandma Montgomery you were extraordinaire, I am blessed to be part of your family.*



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**Suzette Richart** - January 05, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth Irene Montgomery.*



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January 04, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *Aunt Irene provided the best part of childhood for my brother and I. She lives in my heart and soul. My love is with her children and I deeply share their grief. Cindi Montgomery Fairfield*



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**Cynthia Fairfield** - January 04, 2021 at 06:30 PM