



Carmen Estelle Montgomery

July 25, 1920 - March 24, 2020

Carmen Estelle Montgomery of Minor Hill passed away on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at her residence. She was born in Decatur, AL on July 25, 1920 and was 99 years old.

Carmen graduated U.T. Memphis School of Nursing as an RN in 1944. She was a surgical nurse during WWII and served all across Europe. She served in the liberation of Paris, Battle of the Bulge with General George Patton Jr's third army. When the war ended, she still continued to serve because there were so many patients remaining in hospitals. She stayed another year working on Transport train #83 that carried the patients to sea ports in France who were boarded onto ships and brought to the US. Carmen went back to school and graduating from the University of Pennsylvania as a Physical Therapist. She served the National Polio Foundation and the March of Dimes. She served as a consultant for the mid-western states. In 1950 she began working in Alaska as the only physical therapist in the territory until 1956. During this time she was sent to Texas on Polio assignment, where she met her future husband, Kenneth Montgomery. They married in 1952, as the first couple to be wed in the new Minor Hill First Baptist Church. They returned to Alaska until 1956. The couple made their home in Minor Hill, TN. She worked for North Alabama Cripple Children and retired from ECM Hospital. She returned to working and retired from Northwest Alabama Rehab Center in Muscle Shoals, AL at the age of 90. She was a charter member of Minor Hill

Civitan Club, Cerebral Palsy Board of Directors of Shoals area, on the executive Board of Directors of the Giles County Child Development Center, Pulaski, TN. She always said, "I'm so delighted to have lived this long and God blessed me with family and Friends." She enjoyed friendship from all the places she had been and she loved all the Minor Hill Family.

Special thanks to Philip and Sheila McClure and Hospice Healthcare in the care of Carmen.

A private family graveside service will be held Monday, March 30th at 11:00am at Giles Memory Gardens with burial to following.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to, Minor Hill First Baptist Church, 13163 Minor Hill Hwy, Minor Hill, TN 38473, Giles County Child Development Center, 818 E. Madison St, Pulaski, TN 38478, or to Unite Cerebral Palsy, 507 N. Hook St., Tuscumbia, AL 35674.

She is preceded in death by her, parents, Fate and Callie Britton, husband, Kenneth Montgomery, son, Bruce Montgomery, and granddaughter, Christina Carmen Gill.

She is survived by her,
Daughter, Betty Gill
Grandson, Richard (Julie) Bohon
Nephews, Dan (Dannie) Walther and Jim Walther
Niece, Maxine Hune
Special Friend, J.W. Alsup

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of all arrangements for Carmen Estelle Montgomery.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Carmen was an amazing woman and a hero to many. She was my cousin. Her grandmother /mother was a sister to my grandmother. She was a hero to me. In recent years she & I kept in touch by phone fairly often & me , my sisters and cousin tried to celebrate her birthday at the Fish Creel . I can still her her infectious laugh. I thank God for her!! And for her life! I'm sure she's happy in heaven. Makes me think of the song What a day it will be!! I plan to give some money to the Rigel- Rhinehart funeral fund. Several Rigel's & Rhineharts are buried in Johnson Cemetary in Limestone County! Love you Betty.*

Jamiee Abernathy - March 29, 2020 at 01:35 PM

BC

“ *Carmen was our Cousin. She was such a sweet positive lady. She served in the Armed Forces..Brenda Cole*

Brenda Colem - March 29, 2020 at 01:31 PM

BD

“ *She was such a loving and caring person. Meet her through her daughter Betty who I went to minor hill school with.*

Barbara Distephano - March 29, 2020 at 08:14 AM

OP

“ *Carmen Estelle Montgomery*

Owen Powell - March 28, 2020 at 12:21 PM

AM

“ So many special memories of Carmen, a truly amazing, wonderful lady, who served her country and Lord well, and loved her family and friends. She will always live in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. 🙏🙏

Amkenn@pclnet.net - March 27, 2020 at 07:50 PM

ST

“ Ms. Carmen was an amazing woman who led a full and extraordinary life. It was truly an honor to have known her. She will be greatly missed by so many. With Our Deepest Sympathy, Jason & Stacy Brown and Family

Stacy - March 27, 2020 at 02:25 PM

DP

“ Ms. Carmen was a true hero. Loved her positive personality and spunk. She was a reflection of perseverance and love of her family. She will truly be missed. My honor to have known a wonderful lady.

Donna Peters - March 27, 2020 at 11:48 AM

KA

“ This was a True Christian Lady. She was the 1st Physical Therapist I ever worked for, and let me tell you...she knew how to run a tight ship.... she was such a Blessing to so many children and adults along the way. Her positive attitude helped me become the physical therapy assistant I am today.... her sheer strengths, morals and values are what this country was founded upon....she was truly an amazing person. My deepest sympathy to her family. May you find peace in knowing she is with her Lord and Savior. Her work on earth is done, but she will Not be forgotten.

kabtherapy@yahoo.com - March 27, 2020 at 10:40 AM

LI

“ I was a member of the Literary Club and had the privilege of knowing Carmen. I admired her so much! She was truly a great lady.

lindacrone@bellsouth.net - March 26, 2020 at 06:12 PM

ST

“ Sorry about Ms Carman she was a wonderful sweet lady will be missed badly God bless you Betty

Steve Thompson - March 25, 2020 at 09:16 PM

KT

“ With Deepest Sympathy, Kathy Gatlin Thomas, Minor Hill, Tn.

Kathy Thomas - March 25, 2020 at 08:45 PM