



Montie M. Orgill

July 8, 2018

Montie M. Orgill, age 89, passed away on July 8, 2018, in Fort Collins, Colorado. He was born on February 25, 1929, to Wilford Orgill and Frances Swasey, and grew up in Utah and eastern Nevada. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a B.S. in Physics and Education and later completed a M.S. in Meteorology from the University of Utah.

While at the University of Utah, Montie met and courted Carol Nielson. They were later sealed in the Manti Temple. For an adventure, they moved to Hawaii for four years, where Montie was an assistant professor at the University of Hawaii in the meteorology department.

The family next moved to Fort Collins, Colorado, where Montie worked for the Department of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University and later completed his PhD. The family then settled in Richland, Washington, where Montie worked as a research scientist for many years at Battelle, Pacific Northwest Laboratory. While in Richland, Montie became an avid ham radio operator, and enjoyed connecting with people all over the world with his hobby.

The latter part of Montie's career took him to Las Cruces, New Mexico, where he did research at White Sands Missile Proving Ground. After a few years in New Mexico, Montie and Carol decided to retire in Cedar City, Utah. Along with gardening, traveling, and visiting family, Montie augmented his retirement years by assisting in the Physics Department at Southern Utah University and working on a book about the effect of the sun on the Earth's stratospheres.

After 53 years of marriage, Montie's devoted wife, Carol, passed away. Montie later married a former work associate, Earlene Bradley, and settled in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Montie is survived by his wife, Earlene Bradley; daughters Loretta, Alyssa, Regina, and Karina (Brian Hoff); and 11 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Carol; daughter Melanie; parents; brothers Mennord and Marvin; and sister Arnelda.

The Orgill daughters and Earlene Bradley would like to thank the staff and nurses of New Mercer Commons Assisted Living and Columbine West Health and Rehabilitation for their attentive care to Montie while he was residing in their facilities.

Because Montie is donating his body for the advancement of science, the family has decided to honor him at a later time in a graveside service in Cedar City, Utah. Those wishing to remember Montie may make contributions to the American Meteorological Society, the American Geophysical Union, or the COPD foundation.

Comments



“ To write on here is to finally admit the loss of a new friendship, sadly cut short. Montie had a young and adventurous spirit. Though separated by over five decades, he was my friend and I was so happy to have known him. I didn't know much, but here's what I do know:

Not everyone wanted pineapple on their pizza, but Montie did. Not everyone you happened upon was a meteorologist, but Montie was. Most aren't CSU Atmospheric Science graduates, but Montie was. And not everyone saw the crazy/complex/simple beauty of the natural world and universe...but Montie could.

And in all the ways he was these things, so am I. We had all these in common, and that's what made our time together truly special, but much too brief.

Montie: I'll miss your stories, your wit, your phone calls, and, well, pretty much everything about you. I hope I do your legacy justice, and I am incredibly honored to continue your book on schedule like we always planned when you were here.

All my love,
Kira Shonkwiler

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