



Robert Marvin Montgomery Sr.

October 29, 1938 - February 17, 2026

Robert Marvin Montgomery Sr., 87, went home to Heaven on February 17, 2026. Affectionately known as “Monty,” he was born and raised in Fort Myers, Florida. A graduate of Fort Myers High School, he played football and was voted “Most Friendly” his senior year — a title that perfectly captured the spirit he carried throughout his life.

He attended South Georgia State College, where he played football under Coach Bobby Bowden, whom he regarded as a mentor. The lessons he learned — discipline, perseverance, faith, and heart — became guiding principles that shaped him.

In the late 1960s, Marvin made his home in Naples, where he built a life defined by hard work and determination. He owned and operated several successful businesses, most notably Monty Sanitation. With what many described as a true “Midas touch,” Marvin had a remarkable instinct for business — turning opportunity into success through grit, wisdom, and an unwavering work ethic. He was a generous man and a wonderful provider. He served as a deacon at Covenant Presbyterian Church and was a dedicated board member at Naples Christian Academy. He also served in the Army Reserves, where he often cooked his fried fish and hushpuppies.

Marvin loved old country music — the kind that told stories of hard work,

heartache, faith, and family. He was honest, sometimes rowdy, adventurous, and tender-hearted. His good-ole-boy charm — paired with his gift for storytelling, Southern drawl, contagious laugh, and genuine nature — made him truly unforgettable.

He found joy on the water, especially skimming across the grasses and Gulf in his airboat or casting a line for redfish.

With love and sincere gratitude, he is remembered by his family: Robbie and Heidi Montgomery; Stephanie Montgomery; Kathy and Roy Merritt; Bryan and Lisa Wiles; his twelve grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

As one of his favorite sayings goes, Dad, you are now 'jam up and jelly tight.' Until we meet again, we will carry you in our hearts.

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“ *In 1979 my parents were evicted from the house we were renting and through our boss Frank Chase we met Monty, he allowed us to live in a mobile home that he had on his property on Airport Rd rent free for a few months, and for that we are forever grateful, such a nice man.
Rest in peace Monty,*

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“ *Mr. Montgomery, my childhood best-friend's Dad. So many fond memories of this kind man. He was generous, full of adventure and fun-spirited and he encouraged me and Stephanie to be the same way by giving us opportunities & space to try things that we might not otherwise have the courage to do on our own ... such as ATVing & water skiing. He was always patient and had good will and a smile to share. Well done on a life lived in service to God & others Mr. Montgomery. My life was fuller because of your Dad, Stephanie, Robbie & Kathy and I am so sorry for the loss of your father and your children's grand-father. Sending prayers of love and sympathy to you and the family. Laurie Conrad Shively*

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