



Edwin Montgomery

January 25, 1925 - January 26, 2010

Edwin Ellis Montgomery passed away at his home in Dawson on January 26, 2010. Ellis was born in Streetman to Henry Cato and Clara Lenora Montgomery on January 25, 1925. He graduated from Blooming Grove High School in 1943. After graduation he joined the Army and served in World War II in Phillipines and Japan with the Army Corps of Engineers. Following the war, he returned to Navarro County and married Alvah Lee Cook (Cookie) on October 25, 1947. Ellis and Cookie moved to the Dawson area and began to farm and ranch and raise their family. Ellis was involved in the community by serving on the Dawson School Board. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a charter member of the Dawson Saddle Club and the Dawson Eastern Star. He also served as a Navarro County Commissioner from 1968 to 1976. His life revolved around his love for his family, his horses, dogs and cattle. In his later years he helped his grandchildren develop a love of their ranching heritage by helping them with their animal projects for the Navarro County Youth Expo and by taking them to horse shows and rodeos. He valued education and encouraged all of his children and grandchildren to get a college degree. Ellis was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers John K. Montgomery, Herschal Montgomery, Herman C. Montgomery and a sister Lillian Glazener. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Cookie Montgomery; three daughters Lenora Smith and husband Glen of Corsicana and Monnie Haugh and husband Frank, and Kay Yates of Dawson; five grandchildren Traci Pryor and husband T.J. of Mildred, Carrie Herrmann and husband Joe of Robstown, Bradley Fife of Dawson, Laura Starr and husband Brandon of Dallas and Katie Yates of Dawson. Pallbearers will be Pete Chasteen, Dan Griffin, Doug Lenox, Elmer Tanner, Billy Hargrove, G.C. Younger, Corey Sanchez, and Steve Ferguson. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 on Thursday, January 27, 2010 at Griffin Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be at 2:00 PM at the Griffin Roughton Funeral Home Chapel and interment will be at Dresden Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Ellis and Cookie Montgomery Scholarship Fund at First Bank and Trust in Dawson.

Tribute Wall



“ *Edwin Montgomery*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM

CW

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Ellis. You're in thoughts and prayers. May God Bless, Carolyn and Tooter*

Carolyn and Tooter Waites - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Just wanted you to know how very sorry I am to hear about your dad and grandfather. I know words cannot help right now but know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. One day you will be able to find peace knowing that God is taking care of him now and his pain and suffering are over. We are never ready for our loved ones to go away but we also find it hard to handle the suffering we see when they are so ill.
Please know I am thinking of you and your family.*

Dana Wilson - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *We are so sorry for your lose. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

Patty and Steve McCormick - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Monnie, Kay & Lenora I am so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. You will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead*

Glenda Whittenburg Bowling - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Elimo was a good man and I'll never forget what he did for me and the good times we had together.*

*God Bless you all!
Love, Kenneth*

Kenneth Waites - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *My deepest sympathies to all of the ellis Montgomery family. God Bless You All.
Paula Sullins and family*

Paula Sullins - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Ellis was a very special person to so many. He will
be greatly missed. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jackie, Terri and JJ Freeland - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *To all the Montgomery family I am so sorry to hear about his passing. Kay,
Monnie and Lenora you are in our prayers. He was a special man.*

Shela Adams Havard - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ *Gone but will not be forgotten.*

Harold & Mady Tanner - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Monnie, Kay, & Lenora: I am so very sorry to hear about Ellis. I know how
devastated you must be feeling right now. Your Daddy was such a great man & I
remember how close you all were to him. Stay strong for each other, & for
Cookie, & you will get through this with God's help & the prayers of many, many
friends. I love you all & will certainly keep you in my prayers.
Jeri*

Jeri Prater Wright - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Cookie and everyone, I have many memories of Ellis and all the nights DK and I
spent at your house. The horse shows were the best and I'll never forget all the
fun times we shared. Nothing but good memories.
Take Care of yourselves and know that he is in a better place even though he is
no longer here.*

Brenda Tanner Barron - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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Don and Brenda

Brenda Tanner Barron - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Cookie, Lenora, Monnie & Kay:

My thoughts & prayers go out to all of you & the rest of the family at such a sad time as this. I had the greatest respect for Ellis. I know the Dawson community will without a doubt miss his presence as he meant so much to Dawson & the Howard family.

May God Bless!!!!!!!

Alan

Alan Howard - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Lenora, Glenn, Kay, Bradley, & all the rest of the Montgomery family, I am so sorry to hear of Ellis passing. May God bless & comfort each of you & know you are in Glyn & my prayers,
Steve Phillips

Steve & Glyn Phillips - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Edwin Montgomery

Brenda & Charles Montgomery - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I remember 2 sayings that I heard Pop say that I would like to share. He told us when we were late getting to a team penning...he said (very serious) never let your work interfere with your play.

And pop said "enjoy life, you have never seen a hearse pulling a u-haul".

Brenda Montgomery - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ I remember the first time I met Ellis at a team penning and Buddy Ross was with him. That was a Friendship that I really did like. I noticed Bradley on Facebook the other nite and sent him a message about the picture of he and Pops. Next thing I hear is about his loss. I so wish I would have made the trip to Dawson. All of y'all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Hoot Gibson - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Ellis will be greatly missed by family and many friends. Our thoughts and prayers are will all of you.

Sonny & Belinda Slater - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Dear Cookie,
Ellis was one of Y.M.'s best friends. I know that they are having a big time in Heaven together. My prayers are with you and your family.

Wylna Putman - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Cookie, our prayers and sympathy and with you and the girls and their families. I am sorry I did not know about Ellis when we saw you Tuesday night. Take good care of yourself.

Jaynie & David Johnston - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ This man was one of the finest men that I have ever known. He was an inspiration to my family and especialy myself and my father(Vernon Roloff). I always enjoyed to see his smile and to talk about anything that was going on and also time happenings. I always looked for him every time that I visited Dawson. He will be truely missed by myself when I visit again. GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!

Rudy Roloff - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Ellis was a good man. I know he will be missed by everyone.

Ronnie Garner - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ WE WILL MISS YOU DEARLY.THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME SO MUCH ABOUT FARMING.IT WAS ALWAYS SO NICE TO HEAR STORIES ABOUT THE PAST.I WILL STILL BLOW THE AIR HORN WHEN WE COME IN AND PAST THE HOUSE,SORRY COOKIE.IF WE CAN HELP IN ANY WAY LET US KNOW.OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YA'LL.WE ARE IN NEW YORK CITY WISH WE WERE CLOSER.LOVE BUBBA & CENDY

BUBBA & CENDY MORRIS - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Ervin & Sheral Phillips - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jimmie & Cecil Ann Spencer - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ I was so happy to see and visit with Mr. Montgomery last spring at the Youth Expo. He was a good man and will be sorely missed by us. All of you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom & Amy Lester

Tom Lester II - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IS

“ So sorry to hear about your dad. God bless you, Katie, & your family. Love to you all.

Ivy

Ivy Spakes - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ QU3BeK

January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *Very sorry to hear of the loss of your husband and father Ellis.
We were unable to attend his services.
I plan on sending the family a card with more words of our feelings for your loss.
Tony Taylor- Kaye Taylor Dawson*

Tony and Kaye Taylor - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Bradley, Cookie & Monnie:
I didn't know about Ellis until I read this in the Hubbard paper last night. I am so
sorry for your loss. Bradley I know how much you will miss Pop. I would have
come to the visitation if I had known about it in time. I just wanted to let y'all know
that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bradley come by to see us sometimes.*

*Love to you & your family
Cilla & Mike Parker*

Priscilla Parker - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ *Cookie and Family,
I want to express my sincere sadness in the passing of Ellis.*

He was such a gentleman and so well thought of. I know he will be missed.

*It is my prayer that time will heal the burden of your loss and God will give you
peace and the strength to face each new tomorrow.*

*Blessings,
Noel Templer*

Noel Newton Templer - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *My dear sweet Cookie, I just learned of Ellis' passing. Just wanted you to know
that I love you and I'll be praying for you and the girls. I'll call you soon.*

Delia Cope - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM