



Pansy Montgomery

January 25, 2021

Pansy Marie Ware Montgomery died peacefully January 25, 2021 following a brief illness.

Pansy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ware in Corsicana, and lived most her life here.

She attended Corsicana public schools and then entered North Texas State College where she earned a degree in education.

Following graduation she taught in Arlington public schools and then returned to teach in Corsicana public schools.

She married Roark Montgomery, Jr. in 1952. Their first child Roark Montgomery III was born in 1953. Their daughter Leslie was born in 1956. Mrs. Montgomery continued her teaching career and also taught a Sunday school class at First Baptist Church.

After retiring, she and her husband enjoyed travel and fine dining. She was an excellent bridge player and became a life master. In her quiet time she worked crossword puzzles and read books of fiction, biography, and current events.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, and her son. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Leslie and Hal Prater; her beloved grandson, Wilson Montgomery Prater who brought joy to her heart and a smile to her face; her sister and brother-in-law, Fredda and Ted Klock.

The family extends special thanks to Dr. Kent Rogers and staff for their years of care and friendship.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations to the Corsicana Animal

Shelter, 617 South 12th Street Corsicana, Texas 75110

Visitation will be Saturday, January 30th from 1:00 - 2:00pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Private Family Graveside will follow.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

900 North 19Th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
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Tribute Wall



“ *Pansy Montgomery*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *I've known Mrs. Montgomery most of my life. She went to CHS with my parents, Melba and Eleanor (Green) Bower. I was blessed to be a student in Mrs. Montgomery's English III and Govt/Econ classes at Corsicana High School. She was an energetic, engaging teacher and was one of several CISD teachers who inspired me to become a teacher. (I retired in 2019 after a 41 year career in education.) She will be missed.*

Rexanne Bower Thomas - January 31, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ *Dear Leslie, Freda, Ted, and Hal,*

I am so sorry to hear about Pansy. My heart aches for you as you travail yet another valley of loss. I have such wonderful memories of time spent with your family, and then later through the high school years with Pansy at high school. She taught her students so much more than US Government, ensuring that we understood our responsibilities as citizens.

Know that you are in my heart and thoughts with prayers for peace throughout this time. With much love, Luann Argersinger

luann - January 30, 2021 at 01:30 PM

FK

“ *My big sister for 85 years.
I was tagalong toolou to her and her coterie of friends - Marianne,
Frances
Ann, Edith, Carolyn, and Virginia -They had their own language!
Code talk so they could hold secret conversations on the very public
home phone - Mi Ma meant good bye!
Returning from college, my big sister met, fell in love with, and
married that handsome rogue Roark Montgomery, Jr.
Along came Scooter and then sweet Leslie - and years of teaching.
A massive heart attack tried to take her away, but she won that
battle and sailed on for
25 years - welcoming into her heart the great joy of her grandson
Wil.
She led by example - learning, teaching, loving.
We don't grieve - we rejoice in having her in our lives!
Our loss is heaven's gain.
See you later, Big Sister!
Fredda*

FREDDA KLOCK - January 30, 2021 at 09:08 AM

VP

“ *Pansy's last greatest teaching job on this Earth happened when her
only grandchild, Wilson Montgomery Prater was borne. She out
lived her earlier death date by 24 years to stay here on Earth with
Wil Prater and become his very best friend in this life. I give her my
greatest respects for being an excellent Grand Mother to Wil Prater
and being his best friend for the last 24 years. I would know those
facts, because I am Wil's other grandmother and he loved her
deeply. I will never forget Pansy and loved her also. She was a
mighty force for many on this Earth, but our love for Wil made us
even closer.
Vicky Prater*

Vicky Prater - January 28, 2021 at 02:07 AM

DF

“ I am so sorry to read of the passing of Mrs. Montgomery Lost a few games of HORSE to Scooter in her driveway and listened to some rock 'n roll in her living room. Mainly, Spikes and I would pick up Roark and go to the Oaks. They got very good and I just stayed lost in the woods I had Mrs. Montgomery for 11th grade English - American Lit. , 51 years ago. 5th period , after lunch in the basement , afternoon classes were more relaxed as we waited for 6th period and the final bell of the day. Roark may have been in the class , but it has been a long time. I know I greatly enjoyed the class as we learned of a ransomed kid , maybe a big whale and the last of a noble nation. My memory may be off , but I enjoyed her great wit and humor God Bless Mrs. Montgomery and All Hail all the dear souls that walked the halls of that old old high school Leslie and family I hope you are comforted in the knowledge that so many have many fond memories of your mom , dad and dear brother. David Fondren

David Fondren - January 27, 2021 at 04:09 PM

BH

“ I had the privilege of having Mrs. Montgomery as an English teacher. We read Shakespeare and other classic literature. No matter how bored I got, she had a talent of making the stories come alive. She was fun and funny, patient and kind. I loved being in her class. She was a real class act.

Beverly Smith Herrin - January 27, 2021 at 03:50 PM

LD

“ Mrs.Montgomery was my government teacher in high school.Lots of memories.Friends with Roark and went to East Texas State U.I was friends with Leslie also in school.Condolences. 🌸

Larry Deeds - January 27, 2021 at 12:15 PM

CC

“ *She was one of the nicest teachers I had! She always had a smile on her face!*

Claudia Cooper - January 27, 2021 at 10:11 AM

MM

“ *I spent alot of time at their home. She was also my teacher and also drove us to our golf tournaments in high school. What a lovely lady. Leslie,I'm sorry for your loss. Shes with your dad and Scooter now. Bet they're having a big time! God bless,mike melton*

Mike Melton - January 26, 2021 at 09:07 PM

NJ

“ *So sorry to learn about Pansy. She was a precious lady, and a great teacher. Many prayers for her family.*

Neva Johnston - January 31, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *I had known Pansy all my life, since she and my parents were in school together. I have the wonderful opportunity in the Fall of 1975 to do my student teaching at CHS with Pansy as my "coordinating teacher" as they were called back in the day. She was the best. She enriched the lives of many Corsicana young people. Leslie, you were so lucky and blessed to have had her so long. I pray for the repose of her soul, and will remember you and your family in my prayers.*



Marinelle Szenasy - January 26, 2021 at 01:58 PM

KF

Oh Leslie, I am so deeply saddened for you, Hal and family. You have been through so much!! I have such wonderful memories of all our years together, all the times spent in the Montgomery household! What fun we had! Pansy was always so much fun - but you also knew when you better not cross her! I had Pansy for Sr. English - will always remember her encouragement and support. Love and prayers for you all. 💙💙💙

Kelly Allen French - January 27, 2021 at 03:13 AM

LD

I loved Pansy. She was one of my favorite teachers. She was one of the first ladies at CHS that rocked a pant suit, which at that time was a first for women that broke the mold. She was not a politically correct person and I loved her for that. She was who she was, and that was a great teacher and mother. Pansy lovingly put up with Roark's gang of friends, and shook her head in loving understanding that sometimes kids do dumb things. We all loved her.

Lonnie Derden

Lonnie Derden - January 27, 2021 at 11:38 AM

HP

I met my future mother in law in 1968 when leslie and I were in jr. high at Collins. She put up with me off and on for many years. I always knew I was her favorite. She taught me history in high school and still let me marry her daughter. And she said what took ya'll so long. Mom I will miss you dearly but know you are with dad and scooter in heaven. You were and always will be one of the great Joy's of Wil's life. Go rest high on the mountain. We love you. Hal, Leslie, and Wil

Hal prater - January 28, 2021 at 10:06 AM

MA

Pansy and I grew up together and were friends all the way through elementary, Corsicana High, and college, where we were roommates at North Texas. We have remained friends forever. After we retired from teaching at CHS, we had some really fun trips as VGGs (Very Good Girls) for many years. The last time I talked with her, we both were wondering why we, of all people, lived to be in our nineties! I will never forget her and will miss her the rest of my life. She was a wonderful teacher and friend. I particularly remember her and Scooter visiting me when Scooter was just a baby and I was a young mother living in Bryan. Only a few know that story!

Leslie and Hal, Fredda and Ted, her dear grandson, may God bless and comfort you in the coming days. Cherish the good memories, as I plan to do.

Marianne Anderson - January 28, 2021 at 11:20 AM

RO

I had her for English at CHS and she was the BEST! She really was my best teacher! I was part of the GANG that Lonnie was talking about with Scooter! We did a lot of crazy things but Mrs. Montgomery had our backs! Thank you Mrs. Montgomery for all you did for me! You were Heaven on Earth! Leslie, my prayers are with you and your family! God Bless you, Leslie!

ROB OWENS

ROB OWENS - January 28, 2021 at 05:53 PM