Karl Alan Montgomery, age 51, went to walk with the Lord on February 25, 2009, in Waco, Texas. Karl was born on September 10, 1957 in Greenville, Texas. He was the son of Billy Earl and Peggy Leggett Montgomery. Karl graduated from Sherman High School in 1975 and enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving his country for four years as a radar technician. After a disabling illness, he took great pride in being with his family and making friends at the VA Hospitals for the next thirty years. He was taken care of for many years by his mother, sister and caregivers of the VA Medical System. Karl enjoyed electronics and reading, and loved to learn new technologies. He was of the Baptist faith, and shared his love for the Lord with all who knew him.

Karl is survived by his mother Peggy of Sherman; his sisters Lisa Montgomery of Comanche, Texas, and Lou Ann Kenyon of Brimfield, MA; two beloved nieces, Leigh Anne Smart and husband Jason of Saginaw, TX and Sarah Christine Montgomery of Sherman, TX; nephews, Staff Sargent J.B. Kenyon and wife Christina of Norfolk, VA; Bobby Kenyon and Glenn Kenyon, both of Brimfield, MA; 5 very special great-nieces and nephews, DeLaney, Madison and Colton Smart of Saginaw, TX, and Bailey and Riley Kenyon of Norfolk, VA. He was preceded in death by his father and mentor, Billy Earl, and grandparents Mark and Tola Montgomery and Joe and Lula Childress Leggett.

The family would like to thank the VA Medical System, the numerous doctors, nurses and caregivers for the years of medical care and support given to Karl and his family. A special thanks to Darlene Terry of Waco, TX for her professional and personal care of Karl throughout his last years.

Memorials

Our thoughts and prayers are with Karl's family. As we remember Karl and his
family, we thank him for serving our country. We will also continue to pray for
the people that work at the VA hospitals. For the comfort and love they give to
the people there.

SU-ZAN SELLARS, MARCH 16, 2009

Like my other classmates of 75, I am very sorry to hear of Karl's passing. We
all thank him for serving his country and he will be greatly missed. My thought
and prayers are with his family.

CHARLOTTE A. BLYSTONE-BELT, MARCH 11, 2009

Another classmate of 1975. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We
owe so much to our guys in the military, whether in the past or present. I wish I
had kept tabs on Karl to know all he was going through, but I know he was a
gift to you all.

KIM HUNTSMAN (HUTCHERSON), MARCH 5, 2009

I remember Karl from high school. He was a great guy, always had a positive
outlook on life. What a tragedy that he was taken from the world at such a
young age. My condolences.

JOHN HARRELL, MARCH 4, 2009

I was saddened to hear of Karl's passing. I have many good memories of Karl
from our years in school. I wish I had not lost touch after graduation - that
happens all too often. I am sure I speak on behalf of so many of us in the
Class of 75 who were with Karl in those school years, that he and his family
will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

DAVID M. KENNEDY, MARCH 4, 2009

My thoughts and prayers are with Karl's family during this difficult time. Our
gratitude for his service to this country. The Lord has prepared a special place
for another hero.

TERESA J MAYES, MARCH 4, 2009

Please know that many of us from his class of '75 will keep Karl in our
thoughts and prayers!

KRIS WILKINSON PETRUZELLI, MARCH 4, 2009

I was a high school classmate of Karl's and am very sad to hear of his passing.
I lost track of him after high school, but do remember him as being a very nice and kind young man. My sympathies to the family.

DAVID WILEY, MARCH 4, 2009

friends of the class of 1975

EDDY JOE HULSEY, MARCH 4, 2009

My uncle was a good man who loved the Lord with ALL his heart! He was intelligent and funny and I know that no matter how much time went between us seeing each other our love for one another was strong! He is with God now and is healed...

LEIGH ANNE SMART AND FAMILY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009

I'm thinking about the whole family! I'm so sorry for your loss. Love you, guys!

AMY SNYDER, FEBRUARY 28, 2009

My brother Karl was a fine man. He was such a kind person and loved his family and friends with all of his heart. He taught me many things throughout our life, as children, and, as we traveled the road to adulthood. He trusted in the Lord with all of his heart. He not only knew his scriptures, he felt them in his heart... I weep now for Karl, but not tears of sorrow that he is gone. I weep tears of joy for he is with his God, he is well now and whole and he is waiting with that big smile on his face and his big hearty laugh to greet and embrace his family when we make our own journey to heaven. Til then Karl...

LISA GAYLE MONTGOMERY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009

My uncle had a one of a kind outlook on life. He had such a sweet spirit, and loved to share his joy with others. I will always remember him for the fun things he taught me as a child, and I take comfort in knowing he loved me as much as I loved him.

SARAH CHRISTINE MONTGOMERY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009
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