



William "Bill" D. Montney

June 15, 1931 - May 12, 2025

William D. "Bill" Montney, age 93 of Clare, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, May 12, 2025, surrounded by his family. On June 15, 1931, Bill was born the son of Allen "Dale" and Ruth (McClain) Montney in Clare. Bill was a lifelong resident of Clare, and a member of the Clare High School graduation class of 1949. Shortly after graduating, Bill served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War Era. He was united in marriage to Betty D. Bellows in Clare on July 18, 1951, and together the couple enjoyed nearly fifty years of marriage until the time of Betty's passing in 2001. During his working years, Bill served thirty-five years as a lineman out of Clare's Consumer's Energy depot by day, and ran 160-acre crop and cattle farm by night. Bill also had a heart for his community, serving as the Board President of the Clare/Gladwin RESD for many years, as well as a Clare County Fair Superintendent. In the rare times he wasn't working or farming, Bill loved spending time outdoors fishing, hunting, tapping his trees to make maple syrup, and most probable, spinning tall tales at his kitchen table over a cup of coffee.

Bill is survived by his children Kim Montney, Maida (Martin) Eberhart, DeeAnna (Dan) Mohr, Denise (Charlie) Lyon, Tammy (Mike) Myers, daughter-in-law Kim Montney all of whom reside in Clare. Other survivors include his sister Nelda Murphy, 24 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, and his shit-tzu Hank. Bill was preceded in death by his wife Betty, his son Alan Montney, and his parents Dale and Ruth Montney.

A funeral service in honor of Bill will take place on Friday, May 16, 2025, at the

Brown Corners Church of Clare at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor Charlie Lyon officiating. Burial and military honors will follow in the Cherry Grove Cemetery of Clare. Visitation for Bill will take place on Thursday, May 15 at the Clare Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Memorial contributions in honor of Bill may be directed to the Clare/Gladwin RESD CTE Program. For those unable to attend services, online condolences may be shared at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanfh@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Brown Corners United Brethren Church
5540 S. Clare Avenue
Clare, MI 48617

Tribute Wall

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“ I don't know where to start. But over the years I have come to realize the importance of what you have taught us, on purpose or by accident. But I do know that we owe a lot of who we are because of you! Thank you for everything grandpa, and until we meet again... I'll have a lot to fill ya in on!

Sam Eberhart - May 16, 2025 at 10:24 PM

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“ I did not have the privilege of knowing Mr. Montney personally, but I am well aware of his distinguished reputation for service, particularly as Board President of the Clare/Gladwin RESD. As a current member of the Board, I am aware of the deep respect and admiration held by staff and the community for 'President Bill' and his enduring contributions.

L. Adams - May 16, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" D. Montney.



May 15, 2025 at 04:21 PM

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“ From your Bergstrom Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" D. Montney.



From your Bergstrom Family - May 15, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William "Bill" D. Montney.



May 15, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Bill" D. Montney.

May 15, 2025 at 12:16 PM

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“ Bethanie & Adam Burns purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William "Bill" D. Montney.



Bethanie & Adam Burns - May 15, 2025 at 06:43 AM