

Obituaries

ARTHUR MOSES MONTGOMERY

Arthur Moses Montgomery, 93, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005, at the Great Barrington Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Great Barrington, Mass. A 45-year resident of Housatonic, Mass., he was born in Milltown, N.B., on Dec. 23, 1911, the son of Moses Lever and Ethel Clark Montgomery. He was educated in local schools in Milltown.

He moved with his family to Housatonic in 1960 from Upper Mills, N.B., where he and his wife of nearly 70 years, the former Thelma Marie Watters, resided after they were married in Milltown, Me., on Dec. 20, 1935.

He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force for two years during

World War II.

He owned the Upper Mills general store and was postmaster in that village for 15 years, prior to moving to the United States. He also worked in the Canadian Cottons mill in Milltown, N.B., from the age of 14. After moving to Housatonic, he was employed by M.T. Cavanaugh Plumbing until his retirement in 1978.

He was always an avid sports fan and was active from a young age playing hockey for Pecks Rexall in St. Stephen in the 1930's.

He had been an active member of the Housatonic United Methodist Church for 45 years and was also a Free Mason. He had been a member of the Alley Lodge No. 14 F & AM for 60 years in New Brunswick.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Watters Montgomery, of Housa-

tonic, Mass.; two daughters, Pauline Montgomery, of Housatonic, Mass., and Constance DelMasto, of Ashley Falls, Mass.; four sons, Robert, of Canaan, Conn., John, of Pittsfield, Mass., Paul, of Egremont, Mass., and Timothy, of New York, N.Y. Also, one brother, Clark, of Greenwood, N.S.; two sisters, Vera Watters and Hazel Babcock, of St. Stephen, N.B.; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and his beloved pet Dachshund, Misty.

He was predeceased by two sons, Allan Watters Montgomery and Peter Brian Montgomery; one brother, James; four sisters, Izetta Beek, Irene Moffatt, Thelma Woods and Doris Farthing; and one grandson, Robert Louis Montgomery.

The calling hours were held at the Roy/Birches Funeral home in Great

Barrington, Mass., on Aug. 19, 2005.

A celebration of Arthur's life was held on Aug. 20, 2005, at the Housatonic United Methodist Church, officiated by the Rev. David Rogers. Several of Arthur's favourite hymns were sung, *In the Garden*, *Precious Lord Take My Hand*, *The Old Rugged Cross* and *Amazing Grace*.

Many beautiful baskets of flowers filled the church from friends as far away as Australia and as near as next door. He touched many lives and made many friends during his lifetime. He'll be greatly missed, but very fondly remembered, by all who met him.

The family requested donations be made to the United Methodist Church of Housatonic, Mass., or to the church or charity of one's choice.