



Melvin "Mel" Douglas Montes

September 20, 1943 - December 5, 2020

Melvin "Mel" Douglas Montes, age 77 of Benwood, passed away Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Wheeling Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was born September 20, 1943 in Glen Dale, WV son of the late Manuel and Alice Barr Montes.

Mel was a retired employee of PPG Industries. He served as President of the International Chemical Workers Union Local 45, what he considered to be his life's work. He was a US Army veteran serving in Germany during the Vietnam War.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Montes; nephew, Chaz Schultz and dear friend and union brother, Paul Omeear.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Marlene Bradcovich Montes; one son, Matt (Tiffany) Montes of New Albany, OH; one daughter, Erika (Ian) Brown of Los Angeles, CA; two sisters, Margaret (Roger) Miller of Moundsville and Molly (Ron) Faulk of Belmont, OH; mother-in-law: Mary Bradcovich; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Montes of Moundsville and Janet (Charles) Schultz of Wheeling; one brother-in-law, Ron Bradcovich; four grandchildren, Matthew and Addison Montes and Harlan and June Brown; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

A party, to be held in Summer 2021, will celebrate his life. All who loved him will be invited to attend, with details to come.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Soup Kitchen of Greater

Wheeling, 1610 Eoff St., Wheeling, WV 26003 (wheelingsoup.org) or Fair Fight 2020, 1270 Caroline Street, Suite D120-311, Atlanta, GA 30307 (fairfight.com).

Arrangements entrusted to the Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville, WV.

Cemetery Details

Grisell Crematory

Moundsville, WV

Tribute Wall

HA

“ *still miss you grandpa*

harlan - April 11, 2025 at 11:33 AM

SV

“ *Dear Marlene, so sorry to hear of Mels passing. I always enjoyed going to JM games. He was one of the good guys. RIP, Mel.*

sally vargo - December 11, 2020 at 07:31 PM

DF

“ *Marlene, So sorry to hear of Mel's passing. I really enjoyed knowing him over the years while cutting his hair. He was a very nice man with a good sense of humor!*

Diane Fedorke - December 11, 2020 at 02:12 PM

CH

“ *Marlene and Family, Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. God be with you and comfort you in this difficult time. Chuck and Janice Hill*

Chuck Hill and Janice Hill - December 11, 2020 at 12:03 PM

TU

“ *I did not know Mel, but through his son, Matt, and reading through his memorial site it's clear he was a bright and wonderful husband and father. May he rest in peace for eternity.*



The Ureste's - December 11, 2020 at 10:51 AM

MG

“ My deepest sympathy to Montes family. I enjoyed many years knowing Mel and his dedication to his family and the membership of Local 45. He will be greatly missed. Mike and Lisa Gillespie.

Michael Gillespie - December 09, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin "Mel" Douglas Montes.



December 08, 2020 at 02:17 PM

MF

“ So sorry for your loss Marlene , my mom and I are thinking of you and your family at this difficult time .

mary fluharty - December 08, 2020 at 11:51 AM

MF

“ Mary Fluharty lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" Douglas Montes



mary fluharty - December 08, 2020 at 11:47 AM

TF

“ *The Pietro Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Melvin "Mel" Douglas Montes.*



The Pietro Family - December 08, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Melvin "Mel" Douglas Montes.*



December 07, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Melvin "Mel" Douglas Montes.*



December 07, 2020 at 06:00 PM

GL

“ *Prayers to all of you. I have thousands of stories and good times and bad times we shared over the years at PPG. Gary Lancaster*

Gary Lancaster - December 07, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss Marlene. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Lairl & Sharon*

Sharon Westfall - December 07, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Melvin Douglas Montes, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Army Veteran, Melvin Douglas Montes, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - December 07, 2020 at 08:07 AM

KS

“ *To the entire Montes family and those close at heart, deepest condolences for your loss. My memories are from the old Eighth Street neighborhood and “Uncle Mel” visiting the Montes crew there. The entire Montes clan was always so open and generous to all us kids, we felt a part. I will always remember his warm, kind smile. I also will always remember a day he took time to put the chain back on my bicycle—even though he was in a hurry and wearing dress clothes.
God’s speed “Uncle Mel.”*

Kathy Kuskey Swift - December 07, 2020 at 01:29 AM

LP

“ Love and prayers, Char & Alan Pettit purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Melvin "Mel" Douglas Montes.



Love and prayers, Char & Alan Pettit - December 06, 2020 at 08:56 PM

DD

“ Marlene and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you.
Donna Durbin

Donna Durbin - December 06, 2020 at 07:50 PM

BS

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Mel.
His friendship meant so much to me. His love for his family and his steadfast dedication to improving the lives of all the members of Local 45 and protecting their families as his own was his life's mission. The world was a better place because of Mel. Please except my deepest sympathy.

Barbara Scott - December 06, 2020 at 07:22 PM

DL

“ I am very sorry to hear of Mel's passing. A friend that I respected. Mel, Paul Omeear, Jim Hull, Cork Potts & a few others were instrumental in pushing me and getting me elected President if Marshall-Wetzel-Tyler Central Labor Council. What a great experience and what success we all enjoyed. Those memories I'll cherish until my death. Labor lost a great man with Mel's passing. I will miss him. My sincere condolences to the family.

Denny Longwell - December 06, 2020 at 07:20 PM

TR

“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers.....Tex and Theresa Reynolds*

Theresa Reynolds - December 06, 2020 at 03:18 PM

SC

“ *So sorry Marlene& family. Jim & I have such good memories of u all & they mean a lot to us.*

Mel was a sweet, fun guy. He made our lives & those of our daughters better because of his work as Union President of Local 45.

Shawna Cunningham - December 06, 2020 at 12:05 PM