



## Robert L. "Bob" Montague

September 18, 1924 - March 6, 2014

Robert L. "Bob" Montague of Lake City, formerly of Cadillac, passed away Thursday, March 6, 2014 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. He was 89. He was born September 18, 1924 in Cadillac to Harold and Vada (Bodary) Montague and they preceded him in death. He married the former Joyce M. Payne on April 17, 1946 in Cadillac and she preceded him in death on June 13, 1993.

Bob graduated from Cadillac High School and shortly after enlisted in the United States Army where he proudly volunteered for assignment to the 10th Mountain Infantry and fought during World War II in Italy. After WWII Bob couldn't give up his love for skiing so he trained and became a member of the Ski Patrol at Caberfae Peaks.

He worked at the finish department at Chris Craft until moving his family to Paw Paw, Michigan for a short time. In 1965 Bob and his family moved back to Cadillac to take over the Spot Roller Rink and Payne Tire from his father in law, Ray Payne. Payne Tire has now been in the family for three generations, it was there Bob was named "Flat Tire."

Bob had also been a volunteer fire fighter for the City of Cadillac. He was a life member of the AMVETS Post #110 of Cadillac. He enjoyed traveling, family gatherings, watching all sports, especially the athletics of his grandchildren

and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his children: Dennis (Mary Beth) Montague of Kalamazoo, Thomas (Kate) Montague and Robert (Lynn) Montague all of Cadillac and Molly (Tom) Neblock of Lake City; grandchildren: Tim (Sarissa), Melissa, Jeff, Chris (Jessica), Andy (Sarah) and Katie; two step grandsons, Kevin and David; six great grandchildren; siblings, Mary Lamphere and Richard (Ann) Montague; sister in law, Barbara Johns; brother in law, Bernard Mikowski and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by a son, Terrance; a brother, Carlyle "Monty" and a sister, Norma Mikowski.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 10, 2014 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac Deacon Jim Siler officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the services. His final resting place will be Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to C.A.S. A. (Cadillac All Sports Association) or to charity of choice. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

LP

“ I knew Bob (Flat Tire) and two of his sons. Visited his back room at Payne tire.

Larry Parcell - April 28, 2014 at 07:13 AM

TC

“ Prayers are with Bob's family. As a daughter of a firefighter I'm sure my dad knew Bob. My heart goes out to you for your loss. In loving memory from the family of James Carlson.

Teresa Carlson - March 11, 2014 at 09:23 PM

JL

“ Bob has left behind a very loving family and multitude of friends . He was such a fun and caring person. Can't help but smile as we remember our time as being his neighbors. Our memories will live on.

Jerry & Diane Leavell - March 10, 2014 at 08:46 AM

SS

“ Sending prayers your way from my family to the Montague family. I have so many fond memories spending time with Molly, Rob, Joyce and Bob while growing up in Cadillac. " When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure." Hugs!

Sally Sands - March 10, 2014 at 07:38 AM

PH

“ Thinking of you all. Your dad is in our hearts. Used to love seeing him ride his bike. Take care. Love always.

PK and Tom Harrison - March 09, 2014 at 08:15 PM

LG

“ Our prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

Lee and Christine Goodrich - March 09, 2014 at 07:36 PM

JC

“ We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

John & Linda Coffell - March 09, 2014 at 05:58 PM

LB

“ I write this with a heavy heart hearing of the sad news Uncle Bob has passed. When I think of Uncle Bob I recall all the wonderful family memories of the canoe trips, family reunions, dancing at weddings and all the wonderful times he provided. He was a true family guy and always asked how each and every family member was doing in life. I will miss the big guy and he will always be in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with my cousins in this big loss.

Laurie Beuthin - March 09, 2014 at 05:26 PM

DH

“ Go ”  
REST HIGH ON THE MOUNTIAN GOD SAID YOUR WORK HERE ON EARTH IS DONE, WELL DONE MY FAITHFUL SERVANT. To your family god be with you in your time of grief.

Dexter Harley - March 09, 2014 at 06:43 AM

SJ

“ *Had a great time with your family. Thinking of you!*

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**Stephanie Croskey Jones** - March 08, 2014 at 06:33 PM

JC

“ *Bob was a big part of our lives for years. Many fun memories especially of The Payne Tire Christmas parties. Our thoughts are with the family and we will miss Bob deeply.*

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**John & Audrey Croskey** - March 08, 2014 at 03:38 PM

CH

“ *Molly, Rob and families...we are keeping you in thoughts and prayers in this time of loss. Your dad was a great guy and I will always remember the smile on his face whenever I saw him. Hugs to you all.*

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**Carol Wilkins Hurd** - March 07, 2014 at 09:07 PM