

John Barstow Montgomery

EASTHAM — John Barstow Montgomery, of Eastham, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at Epoch at Brewster, after a long fight with several medical problems.

He was the son of the late Robert Montgomery and the late Bertha (Sproul) Montgomery; son-in-law of the late Ruth (Thompson) and the late George E. Ward; husband of the late Avis (Ward) Montgomery; brother to the late Robert E. Montgomery, Arthur "Peanut" Montgomery and Phyllis Morrison; brother-in-law to Ruth Montgomery, Mary Montgomery and the late John Morrison; father to Gail Montgomery, Linda and Ken Calamia, and Kevin Bacon; grandfather "Duppy" to Lianna Montgomery and Nolan Calamia; beloved uncle to Patricia Montgomery, Liz (Montgomery) Maher, Judy (Montgomery) Anderson, Joanne (Morrison) Kinsel, Jane Morrison, Anita Morrison, Neil Morrison, Tina (Morrison) Miller, Reda (Morrison) Riley, Robert Morrison and Heather (Morrison) Elliott, Cindy (Montgomery) Dixon, and Steven Montgomery, and great-uncle to their children.

A loyal friend to many who will miss his presence.

He was born on June 24, 1926, in his parents' house in Hanover, but lived the past 45 years in Orleans and Eastham. When he was in his teens, his mother Bertha died and his sister Phyllis became, from what we heard, quite the mother hen. At 17, John was itching to get into World War II as his brothers were already in the mix and he enlisted in the Navy. He married Avis in 1959, and built a house in Hanover, the town that his direct descendants founded.

In the early 1960s, he built a house in Orleans for his mother-in-law on Chase Lane, and when work moved down to the Cape, he moved his family there (one of the best places to grow up), got a great deal on a used house from Frank Ireland and moved it to a piece of property he and Avis bought on Chase Lane. When his girls were grown, sold that, bought another piece of land in Eastham and built another house.

He did honest, but hard work to provide for his family. In addition to being a carpenter, later in life he did carpeting and tile work. He loved going out fishing with his brother Bob and cooking the catch on the barbecue. He taught his daughters how to set up a tent and campsite, grow vegetables, cut the lawn, fish, dig steamers out of the flats at Skaket Beach, gather scallops and oysters out of Orleans Cove and to shuck them, how to drive, change the oil and a flat tire, shingle a house and many other things that he knew would be useful in life.

Along his journey, he was one of the founding members and past exalted ruler of the Orleans-Eastham Order of the Elks-Lodge No. 2527, and helped establish the current building. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Family will be welcoming visitors at the Nickerson Funeral Home, 77 Eldredge Park Way, Orleans, on Thursday, Dec. 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. Burial will be at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne at a

later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Orleans Eastham Elks Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1894, North Eastham, MA 02651.

For more information and guest book, go to [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

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