



A Homegoing Poem

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond's glint on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripening grain,
I am the gentle Autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush,
of quiet birds in circled flight,
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.*

Acknowledgements

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friends could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us today.
What ever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so very much - what ever the part.*

Memorial Service

Please join the family for a Memorial Service (via Zoom)

Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 1 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://spelman.zoom.us/j/3225082600>

A Celebration of the Life
of

Walter Smith Montgomery

Sept. 28, 1926 - July 15, 2020



Thursday, July 30, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Mount Auburn Cemetery
Cambridge, MA.

Rev. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Officiating

Obituary

Walter Smith Montgomery



Walter Montgomery departed this life on July 15, 2020 at his residence in Cambridge, MA.

Walter Montgomery was born on September 28th, 1926 to Charles and Mary Smith Montgomery. He grew up in Harlem, New York before moving to Cambridge, MA. Walter spent summers during his youth visiting the family farm in Scotland Neck, North Carolina. He attended grade school in NYC and High School at Rindge Tech. in Cambridge.

Walter worked for many years as a machinist. In his later years Walter worked as a Mail Clerk at Cambridge Savings Bank and as a Receptionist at Windsor House Assisted Living in Cambridge.

Aside from his career pursuits, Walter had many talents and interests. He loved up-tempo Jazz and loved traveling, especially on a nice cruise to Bermuda.

Walter was an artist and an inventor. He created custom designed lamps including the basketball and clothes-hanger models. He created and spent many years fine-tuning a specially designed umbrella.

Walter studied and practiced the Muslim faith with the Nation of Islam and the United Nation of Islam (UNOI).

Walter could often be seen flying around Cambridge on his blue Scooter. Among his favorite stops were Whole Foods and the Middle East Restaurant.

Walter Smith Montgomery leaves to honor and cherish his memory: Daughters Linda, Laura, Sons Bruce, Kevin, Martin (Denise), Grand-Daughters Rhescha, Allise and Venus, Grand-Son Quentin, Great Grand-Daughter Anayah, Great Grand-Sons Jayden and Alexander-Walter. Niece Tammy (children Khari and Naija). Sister In-Law Carolyn (Kenny). Cousins Paulette, Tonya, Simeon, Morgan and Tina. Good friend from UNOI John Keys and many extended family members.

Walter was pre-deceased by his Beloved First Wife Gertrude, Inseparable Twin Brother Lawrence (aka Monty the Plumber), Dear Second Wife Ethel Scott and his Best Friend for over 60 years, Clifton "Cliff" Gaul.

Walter was an AMAZING MAN who was always there to listen, laugh and love! He will be greatly missed by all.

Order of Service



Invocation

*Rev. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes
Union Baptist Church*

Scriptures

*Rev. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes
Union Baptist Church*

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4

New Testament: John 14: 1-4

Proclamation

*E. Denise Simmons
Cambridge City Council*

Hymn

Amazing Grace (Verses 1-3)

Obituary

Cousin, Paulette L. Tillery

Eulogy

*Rev. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes
Union Baptist Church*

