



Montgomery Ruritan Club

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A Tribute to the Life
of Kendall James Murphy
May 10, 1990 – Nov. 10, 2017



This was the picture on the buttons that many in the community are wearing in Memory of Kendall.

The Montgomery Ruritan Club would like to honor the Memory of one of its dedicated Members, Kendall James Murphy. On Nov. 10, 2017 while responding to a car accident south of Montgomery, Kendall Murphy was hit and killed by another vehicle at the accident site. Kendall was a Volunteer Fireman and First Responder for the Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department. Kendall Murphy graduated from Barr-Reeve High School and graduated college from University of Southern Indiana. He then worked for Cummings Insurance Agency in Montgomery and in 2017 went to work for German American Bank in Jasper. He was a member of the Montgomery Ruritan Club and coached the Freshmen Basketball Team at Barr-Reeve High School and was to set coach the 5th Grade at BR this year. He was also engaged to be married in 2018 to Jessica Padgett. He was truly a person that wanted to give back to his community and he gave his life while helping others. The community was thrust into mourning for this Volunteer Fireman who was killed in the line of duty. In my lifetime we have not witnessed in our community the outpouring of grief that we experienced for this young man. We hope we never do again. As the service concluded at the Cemetery, the Fireman's Last Call, "Kendall Murphy has gone home, May He Rest in Peace!"

Kendall James Murphy Obituary

Kendall James Murphy, 27, of Montgomery, passed away while serving in his role as a volunteer firefighter Friday, November 10, 2017. He was born May 10, 1990 in Vincennes, Indiana to Dwayne and Katrina (Lengacher) Murphy. Kendall was a 2009 graduate of Barr-Reeve High School and a 2013 graduate of the University of Southern Indiana with a bachelors in Sports Management. He was employed by German American Bank as an insurance agent and employed part time at Country Oaks Golf Course. He coached basketball at Barr-Reeve High School and was starting his fifth season. Kendall was a two-year member of the Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department. He was an active member at Providence Mennonite Church. He loved the Kansas Jayhawks, Cincinnati Reds, Notre Dame and golf.

He was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandparents, Herman and Agnes Stoll and Menno and Lydia Lengacher and paternal great-grandparents, Brenda Milton and Fred and Loretta Murphy. Kendall is survived by his fiancé, Jessica Padgett of Loogootee; parents, Dwayne and Katrina Murphy of Montgomery; sister, Kelsie (Eric) Miller of Washington; nieces, Emma and Halle Miller; maternal grandparents, Bert and Barbara Lengacher and paternal grandparents, Steve and Jean Murphy, all of Montgomery; uncles, Shawn Murphy of Montgomery and Rick (Jan) Lengacher of Goshen; aunt, Tenley (Nathan) Lester of Montgomery and many cousins.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at Simon J. Graber Complex. Burial will follow in Providence Mennonite Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday, November 13, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Providence Mennonite Church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Barr-Reeve Scholarship Foundation. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery

Shown in this picture in the middle is Kendall Murphy (42) as he was on the State Runner-Up team in 2007. Kendall played on Championship teams and coached them as well. He was also an excellent student as he graduated in 2009 as the Class Salutatorian.



Shown in this picture is Kendall Murphy in back row, 2nd from right as he was on the Coaching Staff. That Year the Team was State Runner-Up just prior to the year in which the Vikings won the State Championship. Murphy coached the freshmen team for several years and was also a volunteer for years prior to that.



Left is the picture of Kendall Murphy, Co-Salutatorian as it hangs in the Halls of Barr-Reeve High School. Kendall graduated in 2009 with many accomplishments during his High School career.



Pictured right is Kendall (right) at a Volunteer Fire Department Fund Raiser in August 27, 2017 along with Sparky and Brad Traylor on the left.

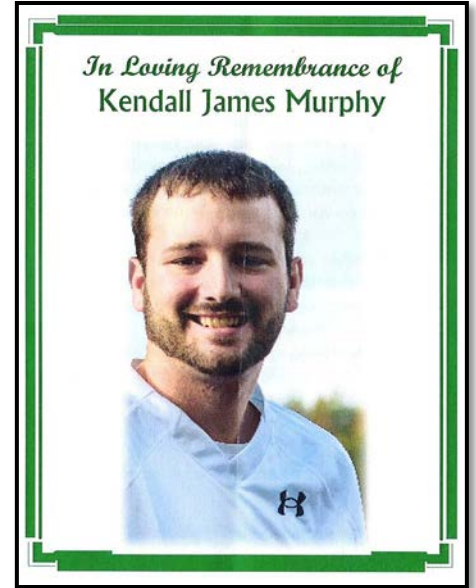




Shown here three generations of Fire Fighters in the Murphy Family. On left is Grandfather Steve Murphy, center son Dewayne Murphy and on the right Grandson Kendall Murphy. All three were Volunteer Firemen for the city of Montgomery while they held a full time job. Steve was a retired brick layer, Dewayne is a full time fireman for the City of Washington and Kendall worked for German American Bank in Jasper. This picture was taken at the Turkey Trot Demo in 2016 while all three worked on the main track.



Left is Kendall Murphy's official picture while working in the Insurance Dept. of German American Bank.



Right is the front of the Funeral Card for Kendall.

Pictured here as the casket was carried from the Funeral Service at Simon J. Graber Bldg. and ready to be loaded on the Fire truck for the long trip to the cemetery. Note the Honor Guard of Fireman and Volunteer Fireman as they stand at attention as the body of Kendall Murphy pass by them. The Funeral procession which consisted of Family and Friends, Fire trucks from area Fire Departments was one of the longest this community has ever seen.





The Montgomery Fire Truck as it carries the body of Kendall Murphy pass the Montgomery Fire Department in which Kendall worked as a Volunteer Fireman. It is tradition that fallen fireman are taken pass the fire station where they have worked.



The Tribute above is from the Supporting Heroes, this impression of Kendall in his Fireman's uniform under the large flag which was across highway 50 in which the Funeral procession passed on the way to the cemetery.