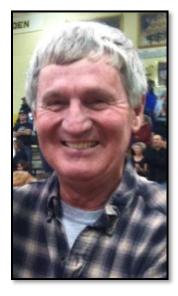


## **Montgomery Ruritan Club**

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A Tribute to the Life of Michael R. Dages February 14, 1948 - August 19, 2019





Mike Dages passed away on Monday Aug. 19, after battle with cancer for nearly a year. He was born Feb. 14, 1948, in Daviess County, Indiana, to Carolyn (Kennedy) Dages and the late Ralph Dages. Mike married Margaret "Peggy" (Arvin) on April 17, 1971, and she survives him.

He was a United States Army veteran and served overseas during the Vietnam War. He retired from Crane Army Ammunition Activity in January 2004. Mike enjoyed gardening, yard work and riding his four-wheeler. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, Shoals American Legion and the Loogootee Veteran of Foreign War. Mike was also followed his father, Ralph, as a longtime member of the Montgomery Ruritan Club. Mike will be remembered for running the Beer Garden at the annual Turkey trot for many years. Mike along with PJ Craney took over the leadership in the Beer Garden and had many successful years.

Mike was a quiet person not wanting the spotlight on himself but he was a valuable

person to the Montgomery Ruritan Club. He went about his work always doing a great job and was known as a dependable person the club could count on. He stepped down from his job in the last few years but was still available to help where he could. Mike also received the Ruritan Service Award in 2007 for his service to the Ruritan Club and the Community.

Mike will be missed and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mike's Widow Peggy and his three children and all his family. Mike has gone from us but his memory will always be with us. May he rest in Peace!



Shown here is PJ Craney, Mike Dages and the late Allan Reed as they pause from their preparations for the Yearly Turkey Trot back in September of 2004. Mike had worked with PJ's Dad for several years as the Co-Chairman of the Beer Garden and then when Jack Craney retired from that job PJ took over and he and Mike worked together for many years keeping everything running smoothly in the Garden. It is not known how many countless hours that they all put in to make many successful Turkey Trot's. As they saying goes nothing stays the same forever and now we mark the passing of a long time contributor to the Ruritan's success. Also in this picture was Allan Reed who helped out many hours and he passed away suddenly within the last year.