

The Flowers of The Forest

Helen Ruth Montgomery, CMSI 2106

Helen Ruth Montgomery Robinson CMSI 2106 passed away on January 19, 2008. She and her husband Carl were visiting their daughter Sharon Robinson Fielder in Arlington Texas when Helen was stricken. Born 3/6/1923 in Hornell, NY, she was the daughter of Ernest Richard Montgomery and Florence Kromer. She was married 3/18/1944 to Carl Robinson, who survives. In addition to her daughter she also leaves three sons, Michael Carl, Mark Eric and Matthew Dean Robinson of New York, and New Jersey. She was loving grandmother to Melinda, Jeremy, Steven, Kirk, Amanda and Philip Robinson, great grandmother to Erin Rose, and Lorelei Marie. She is also survived by two sisters, Florence Evelyn (R. Carl) Fronk, and Lois Ann (Howard) Chapman. She was pre-deceased by two brothers James C. and Richard E Montgomery.

A stout supporter of Clan Montgomery she has encouraged all of her family to take part in various clan and family celebrations, and has sponsored several of them with memberships. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

2008 AGM Update

Because each trip entails a beautiful drive into the Rocky Mountains, preparing for this year's AGM has been a recurring pleasure for us. Situated in a mountain valley on the shore of lovely Lake Estes, the village of Estes Park, Colorado, is about an hour and a half drive from the Denver International Airport. Whether you take Route 36 northwest through Boulder and Lyons, or I-25 north to Loveland and then Route 34 west into the mountains along the Big Thompson River, you'll discover that simply getting to the 2008 Longs Peak Games will already make the trip worth while. As a matter of fact, we'd suggest you take one route in and the other route back out just to experience them both!

The Lake Shore Lodge at Estes Park will be our venue for this year's AGM, and the view from our Hospitality Suite will take your breath away - as it looks south out across Lake Estes to the fairgrounds where the Games are held, with Longs Peak about 15 miles southwest towering up to its 14,256 feet above sea level. (But don't worry about the altitude; the Games are played at about 7,500 feet MSL, which is lower than the cabin altitude you enjoyed in the pressurized aircraft that flew you into Denver.)

The Games themselves are something "different": Have you seen a jousting tournament before? (The U.S. International championships are held here.) Have you heard an actual Scottish pipe band before? (The 1st Battalion of the Scot's Guard is scheduled to come all the way from Scotland to play for you.) Have you marched at the head of a parade through town leading some 70 Clans? (It goes right through the length of Estes Park and, happily, is slightly downhill the entire way!) When was the last time you heard Alex Beaton, Seamus Kennedy and Isla St.Clair "live"? (They appear nearly every year.) Do you prefer competitions of Irish clogging or Highland dancing? (We have both at the Longs Peak games.) Do you miss a full blown evening Tattoo like the ones some Games used to offer? (There are nightly Tattoos at Estes Park, and we will have honored guest seating at the Friday Tattoo on September 5th.)

We could go on, but we think you get our point: This AGM will be one great vacation! More details on the Games, as well as the room rates available and a registration form, are offered on the following pages of this issue. Just remember: these are big games; they run three days and draw some 90,000 people. To ensure that we get our discounted room rates, you need to reserve your room (by phone or online) by July 4th! Don't delay!

Gardez bien!
Ed & Lucia Montgomery