



## Michael J. Montague PhD

December 25, 1947 - May 17, 2025

Born on December 25, 1947, in Flint Michigan, Michael James Montague earned his Ph.D. in cellular and molecular biology from The University of Michigan in 1974. Following postdoctoral studies at Stanford University in 1975, he began a 40-year research career with several major corporations, working on both the improvement of agricultural productivity and in pharmaceutical discovery. Additionally, he worked as a research manager, science communicator, author, and lecturer. He participated on teams of research scientists who made major contributions that now benefit billions of people globally. In addition to science, his other passion was music, and he performed as a card-carrying union musician in many bands, orchestras, and pit orchestras in St. Louis and Denver as a woodwind instrumentalist. In that capacity, Dr. Montague performed a wide variety of types of music, as well as arranging and composing music. He studied performance and music theory with several accomplished musicians and teachers at Webster University in St. Louis and at the

University of Denver. He

is the author of two published books on the interface between science and music.

Michael has enjoyed several wonderful friendships and partnerships, including his partner,

Ken Webster, Glen Miller, Phil Clark, Wade Cadle, and Joe Keller. He had two younger brothers,

Daniel H. Montague and James K. Montague (deceased), and is predeceased by his parents Ella

M. Montague and Herbert F. Montague, Jr.

A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held on the rooftop of Maryland Walk Condo Building,

8025 Maryland Ave., Clayton, MO, June 21, 2025, 6:30 p.m. Valet parking will be provided.

RSVP Requested: Ken Webster 618-578-9069

Before his death, Mike suggested The Community Music School of Webster University for memorial gifts.

# Cemetery Details

**PRIVATE**

## Previous Events

### **Celebration of Life Gathering**

JUN 21. 6:30 PM (CT)

Maryland Walk Condo Building Rooftop  
8025 Maryland Avenue  
Clayton, MO 63105

# Tribute Wall



“ Mike was an inspiration. Wit, sincerity, smarts...a credit to humanity. He was "a tad bit" younger than I, and relished that. Adored him for his humor and...well...just about everything.

Lee Phillion - June 21, 2025 at 06:32 PM

KM

“ Kevin, Marinda and Lisa Montague purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael J. Montague PhD.



Kevin, Marinda and Lisa Montague - June 16, 2025 at 11:33 AM

KM

“ Kevin, Marinda and Lisa Montague planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael J. Montague PhD.

Kevin, Marinda and Lisa Montague - June 16, 2025 at 11:33 AM

KS

“ Kenneth McGhee & Archway Staff lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Montague PhD



Kenneth McGhee & Archway Staff - June 03, 2025 at 10:40 AM

LJ

“ Larry Marsh and Kim Jones purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael J. Montague PhD.



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Larry Marsh and Kim Jones - June 01, 2025 at 10:19 AM

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Larry Marsh and Kim Jones - June 01, 2025 at 10:19 AM