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THE GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GRAND NEPHEW OF GENERAL PIKE—ZEBULON MONTGOMERY PIKE, JR DIES AT 97

One of the most personable, enjoyable persons we have had the pleasure of knowing passed away at Columbine Manor Care Center in Salida, CO on October 20th at 2:30 am- **Zebulon Montgomery (Monty) Pike Jr.** at age 97.

Monty was a war hero like his great, great, great grand uncle General Zebulon Montgomery (Monty) Pike.



When Zebulon Montgomery (Monty) Pike, Jr. was born on May 5, 1922, in Golden, Colorado, his father, Zebulon Montgomery (Monty) Pike Sr. (1900-1965 age 85), was 22 and his mother, Marion “Emily” Dennis Pike (1897-1991 age 94), was 25. Monty survived his three brothers: Edward LeRoy (1924-2015 age 91), Dennis Hewitson (1926-2015 age 89), and Clifford Llewellyn (1928-1990 age 62).



He is survived by his wife, Grace, many nieces, and nephews.



Marriage

Zebulon Montgomery (Monty) Pike married Grace V Fisher on January 24, 1946, in Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania- 24 days after returning the military in WWII. He was 23 years old and she was 21 years old. She was born on Dec 27, 1924 in Pittsburgh. They were married 73 years, approaching their 74th anniversary in 3 months. He and his wife especially enjoyed traveling in their motor home from 1986 until 2005.

Education

Monty was a student when Grace and he married. At 28 he received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University Of Denver.

Residence

Monty lived in Golden, CO from birth to 1946. Grace and he lived Golden after their marriage until 1987 when they moved to Salida, Chaffee Co., CO.

Military

When the United States declared war on Japan in 1942, Monty registered for the draft in Golden at age 20. He served in the active military from November 30, 1942 to January 8, 1946 under General George Patton in France, Germany and Czechoslovakia, attaining the rank of master sergeant in WW2. He served in a Headquarters Company intelligence and reconnaissance platoon. His platoon got into Germany at the end of the Battle of the Bulge in 1945 and released prisoners from Stalag 14.

He earned 7 battle stars during WWII and was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery. See commendation below. Back home in Golden, he joined the National Guard in Golden. They were ordered into active duty in August 1950 and sent to Korea. He retired from the National Guard at age 64 in 1985 with the rank of captain.

Physical Characteristics

According to his 1942 draft records Monty weighed 155 lbs., had a light complexion, blue eyes, and brown hair. He was 5 foot 7 inches. His employer in 1942 was Colorado Central Power Co.

Employment

Monty was manager of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, worked at Rocky Mountain Bank in Lakewood, Silver States Savings & Loan and most recently for Encyclopedia Britannica, from which he retired in 1987.

His Community Service and Law Enforcement

At age 41 (1963) he was a Captain of Jefferson County Mounted Posse. He served in the Golden Fire Department. He was a member of Masonic Lodges in Golden and Salida, a member of Colorado Consistory 32nd degree, Al Kaly Shrine of Pueblo, American Legion Post No. 64 in Salida, and Salida Elks Lodge No. 808. He served as a Board Member for the Pike National Historic Trail Association.



Monty and his Great, Great, Great Granduncle

Monty was especially proud of his ancestor Lt. Zebulon Montgomery Pike (to become General Pike), the explorer who passed through the Chaffee County area and spent Christmas of 1806 at Great Bend on the Arkansas River, close to Salida. An interpretive panel on U.S. 285 tells the story of that encampment.

In 2006, on the 200th anniversary of Pike's expedition, he attended many events commemorating his famous ancestor. He served unsalted buffalo at that location to guests on that occasion.

Bronze Star Recommendation from his Commanders

T/4 Zebulon M. Pike, Jr., while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations.

On 20 February 1945, it was necessary for the Regimental Command Post to establish a forward Command Post in Faha, Germany while that town was still under siege by our Units. Sergeant Pike went forward with a limited number of personnel and was essential in locating and setting up this Command Post and taking charge of a large number of prisoners and keeping them under control until such time as the necessary personnel arrived. It was exceedingly difficult to maintain order among the prisoners due to the intensive mortar and artillery fire that was falling in that area.

Later that afternoon it was necessary that a trip be made to the rear in order to bring up rations for the forward Command Post. The trip was a hazardous one, over a route that was under observation and direct fire of the enemy. Pike volunteered to make the trip with a complete disregard for his own personal safety, accomplished his mission under almost impossible conditions.

Pike's courageous performance and loyalty to duty exemplify the highest traditions of military service.

I recommend T/4 Zebulon M. Pike. Jr. for the Bronze Star Medal.

Robert B. Cochran
Capt., 301st Infantry

Lt. Colonel Arthur Hodges
301st Infantry, Commanding

Memories and Condolences from a cousin

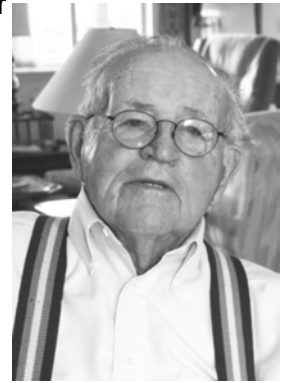
Roy Escott Pike (cousin and Pike Board Member)

Monty told me that he wanted to be on one of the expeditions or ask Zeb questions about what it really was like on the expeditions and not what was written in his journals. Monty will be able to ask at long last those questions. During the Bicentennial in 2006, Monty led 140 Pike family members to the top of Pikes Peak in his Pike uniform. Shirley and I will surely remember fondly the 'elder statesman' of the Pike family.

Memories and Condolences from his Nephews (both Life Members of the Pike National Historic Trail Association)

Everyone should have a Hero – mine was **Captain Zebulon Montgomery Pike**. Brian Pike (nephew) And I believe every American should have a true Patriot in their lives to teach them the importance of Patriotism and the privilege of being an American. Monty taught me many important lessons, but none were more important than teaching me to love the United States of America, respect our Flag and Anthem, and revere those whose served and sacrificed to protect our liberty.

Monty was a man dedicated to service of his country and his community. He was a volunteer fireman, member of the Jefferson County Sheriffs Mounted Posse, Search and Rescue Teams, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Hunter Safety Instructor. In addition, he served on a number of board of directors including; the Pike Family Association and the Pike National Historic Trail Association.



Where Monty really gave of himself was in the military. He had an exemplary military record, from the moment he registered for the draft, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, through his retirement from the Colorado National Guard at the age of 64. His dedicated service to America is unsurpassed. Two Wars, numerous field promotions, 7 Battle Stars (including Battle of the Bulge), and all the medals and ribbons displayed at the memorial service. Most notable are the Army Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Bronze Star.

Monty was not one to brag, but on occasion he would tell me of some of the interesting times he had as a soldier. Like the time General Patton walked up behind him as he was calling in artillery support for troops crossing a river, Patton praised, in colorful language, the bravery of the soldiers fording ahead under extreme enemy fire. Or the story of how he used his jeep to attract enemy sniper fire, outing the sniper's location he promptly used the .50 caliber machine gun mounted to his jeep to dispose of the threat to his unit. There are other stories, but the stories that he enjoyed the most were that of acts of kindness. Calming a young girl in France, assisting Bob Hope at a show, or helping prisoners after liberating them from a Stalag.

There is no doubt Monty was a tough soldier and a natural leader, but he had a big heart. Brought up by loving parents surrounded by a large and caring family provided Monty with a Love of God, Country and Family and instilled a virtuous moral compass making him an exceptional man.

Upon hearing of Monty's passing a friend wrote:

A good man left his mark. Your uncle did the work of many with his honor and integrity on the battlefield. I felt privileged to have you introduce me to him, thank you. Congressman Scott McInnis.

May we continue to be inspired by the things he taught us and do our best to emulate him.

Rest Easy Captain, Your Mission a Success and Your Duty Well Done.

May God Bless You All and God Bless America.

Clifford S. Pike (nephew)

Two long time friends who had not seen one another for an extended period of time, had a chance encounter one day on a street corner. They decided to catch up on each other's activities, and stepped inside a coffee shop to converse and reminisce. They laughed, told stories and drank coffee after coffee. The first person set down his cup and said: "You remember my uncle don't you?" The second person replied, "Of course, what a delightful gentleman." The first person said, "Well, you probably didn't know that he moved to Alaska." "Nome?" said the second person. The first person replied indignantly, "Course I Nome, he's my uncle!"



If you are a Pike either by blood or by extension; if you are friend of a Pike, or an acquaintance of a Pike or just simply know a Pike, you have probably heard the joke. If you are a Pike, you have most likely told the joke either publicly or secretly and in either case laughed or winced as you did so. Monty Pike's Uncle Orville (my great uncle) would often tell the joke repeatedly at family gatherings, and typically the entire clan would, in unison, shout out the punch line.

Monty with Cliff on his knee and Cindy (niece) after his return from Korea.

This may seem a rather long-winded introduction, but I can truthfully say Zebulon Montgomery Pike Jr.: Nome?? Course I Nome, he's my uncle. It also speaks to the tie that binds us together: generation after generation, not the joke, but the spirit and the love behind the joke.

I've known (Nome?) Monty all of my life — literally — Monty and my father Clifford were stationed at Camp (now Fort) Rucker, Alabama. My mother, Donna pregnant with yours truly, and Monty's wife (my Aunt Grace) drove from Colorado to Alabama to join Monty and Cliff for Christmas 1950. As related to me, I was really not scheduled to arrive until the New Year 1951. Well, despite the best laid plans o' mice and men and pregnancy, I arrived on Christmas Day 1950. Uncle Monty and Dad were with their unit for a Christmas celebration; when news reached the two men, there was a very quick departure from the party to the base hospital. Both Monty and Cliff were looking for the new Zebulon Pike. My mother told both men that when the hospital staff entered (after my delivery) and asked the name of the child, my mother admitted that she could not (after delivering me) remember how to spell Zebulon or how to spell Montgomery and so settled on Clifford (my father's name) and Scott for a middle. (My father's middle name was Llewlyn and mom admitted she could not remember how to spell that as well: the name Scott was a complete mystery to mother.

What was no mystery was the love, devotion and attention both my younger brother, Steve, and I received from Monty and Grace. In fact all nephews and nieces report the very same. Introduction to the proper handling and function of fire-arms; horses and horse-back riding; the love of all things outdoors; center plunge football with Monty and Monty's mom (Emily) my grandmother; a reverence for history, its importance, significance and relevancy; the deep and abiding respect for the United States of America and the discipline and dedication and duty required to maintain our precious freedoms and rights. Family! Right from the earliest of my recollections, the importance of family and its impact on human life was emphasized or perhaps a better word, demonstrated. Honesty, courage, kindness, civility, wisdom, compassion, love – these can only be nourished in the soil of time and attention, and need experience and practice to come to harvest. These are not commodities that can be bought, sold, or invested. They cannot be manufactured, advertised or marketed. Our core human values, the deepest and best of who we are require the nourishment of time and care and the best soil for that nourishment is family. Monty loved family and we all loved him.

Adolescent years find Monty's full support in our athletic endeavors — never large or imposing physical specimens, the Pike family always subscribed to the old adage: "It is not the size of the dog in the fight, but rather the size of the fight in the dog."

Drifting a bit after college: what does one do with a degree in English?? Monty offers me a job with Encyclopedia Britannica traveling throughout the entire lower forty-eight states as Manager of the "Great American Indian Leaders" exhibit. It was a life experience. I shall always cherish the unique challenges and rewards of life on-the-road. The absolute and total support I received from Monty (home based in Chicago) in whatever section of the country I found myself in, was remarkable, was deeply appreciated, and was authentic. After months on the road it was always a delight to come to Chicago for scheduled meetings and knowing that I would be welcomed at Monty and Grace's home for a magnificent meal and needed family time. As an adult, I believe there should be large edifices, towering monuments of granite carved with words that bespeak of the faith, dedication, honor, civility, courage, humility, humor, and love that was the life of Zebulon Montgomery Pike Jr.; but there won't be any such memorial. And come to think of it Uncle Monty wouldn't want it anyway. Uncle Monty might mention the prophet Micah who when asked, "What does the Lord require of you?: put it simply: to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God. Monty Pike sought justice, more than loved kindness and walked humbly here on earth and with God. He did exactly what the Lord requires of any of us.

With the deepest and sincerest appreciation for a life well-lived Uncle Monty

Services

Monty's memorial services were held at Temple Baptist Church in Salida on Nov. 2, 2019. He will be interred at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver/Englewood at 1 pm Nov 13.

Condolences from the Pike Board

— Bonnie and I have enjoyed the company of Monty and Grace on several occasions including Christmas in the Salida park. The first time I met Monty 11 year ago he took me to Pike's Christmas site at Big Bend (on Chaffee County Road 165). What a joy for both of us. Bonnie and we will miss Monty.
Harv and Bonnie Hisgen

— So very sad to hear of Monte's passing. He was a one-of-a-kind and will be missed. My love flows out to all the family and likewise to us all as his friends and admirers.
Linda Balough

— Paula joins me in extending our most sincere condolence to Monty's family and friends. While I never met him, clearly his life was full of service to his Country and the preservation of the Pike legacy. Respectfully, Jim Mallory, Pike Board & Vice Chairman Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc.

— So sad about Monty I felt like he was part of our family with history of where my family homesteaded where he started his journey.
We will miss him and thinking of his family also. Dorothy Urban

— So sorry to hear the news of Monte's passing. He was a blessing to all who knew him. May we continue to be inspired by the things he taught us and do our best to emulate him. Tom Rollings

— I hope Monty knows the Savior and is rejoicing in glory now. What a great legacy he was included in. Ed French

— I am sorry to learn that Monty is no longer with us and taking a hand in the guidance of this organization. I always enjoyed my time with Monty and will miss his company. For what it's worth, below is what I posted for him on Facebook and a photo to go with it.
Farewell my friend.

I've learned my friend Monty Pike (Zebulon Montgomery Pike Jr.) has crossed the great divide. Monty's great, great, great grand uncle was Zebulon Montgomery Pike who led an expedition to explore the southwest of our country in 1806. Like his namesake, Monty served in the military, he served under General George Patton in Europe during WWII (1942 - 1946). Later he served in the Korean War in 1950. Once again like his namesake who led the 1806 expedition, he achieved the rank of Captain.

I first got to know Monty during shows I did with Tom Munch and Don Richmond during celebrations of the bicentennial of the Pike Expedition in 2006 and 2007. Tom, Don and I appeared as the Zebulon Pike Ensemble but were better known as Pike's "Damned Rascals". Monty and Grace came to many of our shows. Monty was always engaged in the history around him, even beyond what already coursed through his veins. His enthusiasm was catching and I always enjoyed my time with him. This photo of Monty and I was during the Zebulon Montgomery Pike Historical Symposium in 2007.

I'm wearing a pin that celebrates the Pike bicentennial which I ended up giving to Monty later that year when he and Grace came to another of my Pike concerts. At first he was reluctant as it meant that I would no longer be wearing it. I told him it made sense, Monty had already carried his ancestor's name with honor all his life. It was only right that he should carry this as well. Only then would he accept it. Such was Monty.

Farewell my friend.

Rex Rideout

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