

## Reginald (Monty) Montgomery 1917 - 2008

Monty was born in Rugby and was a keen member of the Boys' Brigade and the local rugby team. He joined the Royal Air Force in 1935, at the age of 18. He trained to be an Aeronautical Engineer, serving in Iraq in 1938 and was in Egypt at the outbreak of war.



1982. Monty and I met when he was stationed at RAF Swantonington. We were married there in August 1948. We have lived in Milton since 1952, apart from overseas postings. Monty became Chairman of Milton Parish Council in 1970, a post he held for the next 18 years.

He was in Greece when the country was invaded but was evacuated by hospital ship, suffering with an acute appendicitis, to Alexandria. After his recovery he served with the Desert Air Force, returning home in 1944, after six years overseas, to prepare aircraft for the D Day landings.

His postings were numerous; Little Rissington, Manby Valley, Ela Adam, Canal Zone Egypt and Australia, among many others.

He retired from the RAF in 1966 and became a lecturer at the C.F.E. Flying School at Kidlington, finally retiring in

He still continued to attend Council meetings and kept a keen interest in village life.

He loved his home, his garden and his life in Milton-under-Wychwood.

### **Eva Montgomery**

*Monty gave many years of devoted service to the village through his years on the Parish Council, for which he is remembered with great affection. He was a man of many talents and one of his lasting gifts is the three-tier flower and candleholder, which he made from wrought iron, and is still used for special services in the Church.*

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