Flowers of the Forest

Lucia Montgomery
August 24, 1950 — August 12, 2025



Lucia K. Montgomery, 74, passed away peacefully at her home on August 12, 2025. She was born August 24, 1950 at Fort Benning, GA to Col (Ret) Albert V. Kanig, USAF, and Margaret Elizabeth (Evans) Kanig. Lucia was their only child and grew up in Las Vegas, NV where she had her own pony as a girl and developed a lifelong love for ballet. She graduated from the University of Nevada Las Vegas in 1972 with a BA in theater arts, and began life as an Assistant Teacher, ballet instructor and, briefly, as the first TV Weather Girl in Las Vegas. While at UNLV she was a member of the Eta Lambda chapter of Phi Mu.

Lucia was a devout Episcopalian and met the man who was to be her husband, then-Lt. Col. Edwin J. Montgomery Jr., in church in 1977. They were married at Christ Church Episcopal on December 27th of that year and she began life as an Air Force wife, first in Las Vegas and then living in London, Izmir Turkey, Fairbanks Alaska, Washington DC and Tokyo before the two retired in Colorado Springs in 1991.

In her service life she was active as the step-mother of her husband's four children, singing with the Skylarks (a group of officers' wives, first at Nellis AFB, and lastly at the Air Force Academy), teaching ballet at Eielson AFB and then in the Springs, serving as the Vice President of the Officers' Wives Club at Yokota AB, and as a Commander's wife at Yokota. In the last she was loved for taking the newly arrived enlisted men's wives and showing them how to travel and shop where they not only didn't know the language but couldn't read the signs.

In her 30-plus years in Colorado Springs, she not only sang with the Skylarks and taught ballet at the Dance Center, but she was active at St. George's Anglican Church, chairing its Hospitality Committee and serving as an usher and a lay reader – and soldiering on through a cancer she defeated and even after acquiring Parkinson's Disease.

Lucia is survived by her husband, four children (Donya Kesler, Edwin III, Stuart Scott Montgomery and Lauren Fieldman), eight grandchildren (Bethany Kesler, Anna Farias de Carvalho, Charles Kesler, Hilary Montgomery-Crowell, Aaron Montgomery, Katarina Stim, Alexandra Stim, and Nicholas Stim) and three great-grandchildren (Phillip Farias de Carvalho, Sara Farias de Carvalho, and Ethan Crowell). She was preceded in passing by her parents, Albert and Betty Kanig.

Lucia was a bright, vivacious, loving and giving woman who will be missed by all who knew her. Services were held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at St. George's Anglican Church, followed by a burial at the Air Force Academy Cemetery.