



William "Bill" J Fitzgerald, Jr.

July 22, 1927 - May 26, 2011

William "Bill" John Fitzgerald, Jr., 83, of Sanford, FL, died on Thursday, May 26 at home surrounded by his family. He died of cancer. He was married to Marie (Schulz) Fitzgerald for 56 years at the time of his death. He was born in Watertown, Wisconsin to Gertrude (Grady) and William Fitzgerald, Sr. He attended Marmion Academy and Campion Jesuit High School, and was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He served in the U.S. Navy during both WWII and the Korean War. While in Wisconsin, Bill was a community leader and active within the Democratic Party. He and his wife were guests at the Kennedy inauguration.

Moving to Altamonte Springs with his family in 1970, he was again very active in the community, involved in the Knights of Columbus, Rotary Clubs, the Elks and St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. He was an avid fan of the Orlando Magic and the Green Bay Packers and played softball on many teams in Wisconsin and in Florida.

He worked as a dairy commodities broker all of his life, until the time of his death. He never retired. His life was dedicated to the support and happiness of his family.

In addition to his wife Marie, Bill is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Billy and Pat Fitzgerald of Sorrento, FL; his daughter and son-in-law, Erin and Michael Theriault of Oceanport, NJ and Kelly Fitzgerald of Manhattan. He is also survived by his sister, Gracie Schaeffer of Montello, WI, and grandchildren, Mason Staugler of Manhattan and Jamie Staugler of Brooklyn,

NY.

A memorial service will be held at DeGusipe Funeral Home in Maitland on Sunday, May 29, at 2:00 p.m. and will be presided over by Father Rick Voor of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. A reception to celebrate the life of William Fitzgerald with his family will immediately follow.

Tribute Wall



“ Cherish all the good memories such as the corn roasts in our backyard and St. Mary Magdalen church festivals. Your friendship has meant a lot to us. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Bob & Eileen Furton##imported-end##

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“ Bill, Marie and family have been an important part of our lives for over thirty years. We consider them to be our "Florida family." It is with great sadness that we send our sympathy to the family, and we share in your grief. May God smile upon Bill, and may he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Monica and Jim byrne##imported-end##

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“ Dear Bill,
I so enjoyed our friendship of some 18 years, our common Irish heritage, your great wit and our mutual love of Notre Dame. Go Irish!
Lovingly,
Peter, Lynn & Andrew Reddy##imported-begin##Peter Reddy##imported-end##

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“ MARIE, ERIN, BILL, and KELLY:

Ann called me this morning and told me of Bill's passing. We're sorry for your loss.

Although I was his boss, he was really more of my mentor and taught me so much about the industry. I valued his freindship throughout the years.

He was a true fiesty Irishman who enjoyed life and was certainly proud of his children.

You all have our prayers, and tonight I will have a toast to Bill's long and full life.

Steve###imported-begin##Steve & Cindy Wincek###imported-end##

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“ *I met Bill and Marie at the Campion All Class Florida Reunions. My husband(Aaron, deceased 2/12/11) would be very sad as am I, to hear about Bill. What a nice man! His classmade, Ed Fury, advised me and asked me to pass the information on to his Campion classmates. Marie, you have my sincere sympathy. God Bless###imported-begin##Lauretta Huguenard###imported-end##*

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