



## Donald "Fitzy" FitzGerald

October 13, 1937 - March 16, 2025

Donald "Fitzy" FitzGerald, 87, of Hamden, beloved husband of Judy McHugh FitzGerald for 60 years, passed away on March 16, 2025. Born October 13, 1937, in West Hartford, a son of the late Charles and Florence Marshall FitzGerald, he resided in West Haven where he graduated from West Haven High School in 1955.

Fitzy, as he was known, was an avid athlete. As a soccer player, he was a starting goalie both junior and senior year which led to a state tournament with 8 shutouts where he was named to the All-Star District Team. Spending four years on the baseball team earned him the title of pitcher his junior and senior years where he went 15-2 taking the team to the State Championship against Naugatuck, only losing 1-0 in an extra inning. Fitzy played right field, hitting .320 where he was named to the All-District Team honoring him with the prestigious Savitt Award elevating him to the Hall of Fame. He went on to play in the West Haven Twilight League from 1954 – 1959 before serving our country by joining the Army where he proudly served until 1962.

For the next 50 years, Fitzy turned his love for athletics into a career selling sporting goods to local high schools, colleges and town youth teams. In 1994, he was the Gold Bat recipient and elected to the West Haven Hall of Fame in 2013. He was a charter member of the New Haven Football Foundation and served on the Board of Directors for the South Hamden Baseball Association. He was honored with the Good Guy Award by the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce commemorating him for his commitment to this community. He

was also a former member of the Knights of St. Patrick.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his three sons Christopher (Mindy) FitzGerald of Naples, FL, Kevin (Yvonne) FitzGerald of Millis, MA and Timothy FitzGerald of Hamden, CT. The greatest joy of his life were his five grandchildren John and Meghan (FL), Ryan and Dillon (MA) and Jack (CT). His love for his family and friends will always be remembered.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church at 2819 Whitney Avenue in Hamden at 11:00am. Military honors will follow immediately, and interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America at 253 Columbus Avenue, New Haven, CT 06519. To leave online condolences, please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Services

MAR **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt Carmel  
2819 Whitney Ave  
Hamden, CT 06518-2544  
(203) 248-0141

# Tribute Wall

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“ Knew Fitzi for over 30 years as he delivered all our sporting equipment to the school. He will be greatly missed.

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**Bill Leifert** - December 08, 2025 at 06:37 AM

DG

“ Dave Gesler purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald "Fitzy" FitzGerald.



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**Dave Gesler** - March 20, 2025 at 12:21 PM

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“ Dave Gesler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Fitzy" FitzGerald.

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**Dave Gesler** - March 20, 2025 at 12:21 PM

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“It takes a long time to grow an old friend” reads a wooden placard hanging in our family room that Judy and Fitzzy gave us many years ago. Truer words were never spoken! We've enjoyed special times over the past many, many years including holidays, weddings, birthday parties, pot luck parties, Christenings, golf outings, lunches out on the shore, burgers at Lake Zoar, wings at The Dew Drop In, chicken tenders at Hard Hat, dinners in the winter months or just cocktails on the deck! Fitzzy always wore a smile whether he was telling a joke or poking mild mannered fun at someone, always in good humor. Such a gentleman that we will always treasure. Fitz, we love you and we will miss you forever! Thank you for all the great memories you're simply the best. We will certainly miss your kindness and friendship but we are at ease knowing you are no longer suffering. Rest in peace our dear friend. Whenever we parted ways we always shook hands and said " always, always a pleasure"! Our sincere thoughts and prayers to the FitzGerald family. Martin and Irene Keniry.

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**Martin & Irene Keniry** - March 19, 2025 at 04:55 PM

HB

I will always remember Mr. Fitz's big smile and laughter. Mrs Fitz and Mr. Fitz's hospitality. I am just finding this out. Sending huge hugs and kisses, my condolences. I can assure you he is safe with my dad. Probably raising a glass as we speak. All my love, Heather Breen

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**heather breen** - April 08, 2025 at 07:59 AM