



Donald Fitzgerald

November 8, 1927 - January 16, 2007

Don Fitzgerald is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Martin, Carol Don Schedler, Ed Terry, Donald Darcy, Susan Barry Rubin, Bruce Mary, and Judy RobWilliams; daughter-in-law, Geraldine Fitzgerald; son-in-law, James St. John; 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. His children Donna St. John and Ronald Fitzgerald are deceased.

Don was a US Navy WWII veteran of the Seabee Construction Battalion; Grand Knight of Columbus 4th Degree member, Willowick; race car driver/owner of stockcar #04; St. Mary Magdalene parishioner and usher for over 30 years. He was a president of Laketrans, and a member of American Legion Post 678.

Don was a past Mayor of Willowick from 1989-1995; Willowick Police Officer from 1956-1962, Willowick Council President, Councilman for 7 years, Willowick Service Director from 1977-1980's and 2000-2001, Detective for Lake County Prosecutor Paul H. Mitrovich from 1974-1977, owner of Fitzgerald Private Ambulance Service from 1962-1975 and Fitzgerald Air Ambulance from 1967-1974. He was a great contributor to the city and county.

He will be dearly missed by all his loved ones.

Contributions suggested to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 East 185th

St., Cleveland 44119, and the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Fitzgerald*

Bruce Singer & Family - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dearest Betty & Family:

Unfortunately, the weather will prohibit Dick & I from attending the wake and/or service - in part due to Dick's advanced COPD and my knees, as you know.

You and the family have our deepest sympathy - I have many recollections of Don having worked for him in City Hall for many of his public service years! I will remember him as a hard-working, no-nonsense, dedicated public servant who demanded the best from his staff as well as those with whom he came in contact in all walks of life. I first met Don shortly after moving into Willowick in the early 60's - Dick's brother, Paul, was gravely ill and needed to be transported from Lake West Hospital to a University Hospital and your husband/father came to our home immediately following that transport to convey his deepest concern to my family and the fact that he would pray for our relative who was so seriously ill. We were very grateful for Don's service and his concern! Over the years, I watched as he moved the City in a positive direction sometimes with great ease and others, with some difficulty but MOVE IT, he did and he had no tolerance for those who would seek to dissuade him from his quest...for the most part, those quests were admirable and on-target, in my opinion. One always KNEW where they stood with Don - he made no apologies and IF you were his friend...you had a friend for life. If not, well...everyone knew what to expect! I suspect that Don was from the old school of politicians, most likely among the last of his era...I know he will be missed by those who cared about how passionate he was with regard to public service.

*Betty, if there is anything at all that I or my family may do to assist you/yours, you have but to call. I will be in touch as soon as the weather breaks. With much love in Christ and with deepest sympathy, we remain
The Dirmans Dick & Joyce*

Joyce & Richard Dirmman - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Words can never express my deepest sympathies to the family. Don was one of the most compassionate and loving men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Don was always a "True Gentleman" in every sense of the word. I will forever and always remember dancing with Don at my wedding - how gracious he was when I accidentally stepped on his toe. Don was definitely a class act. Always impeccably dressed and groomed.

Don will be forever missed- but always in my heart.

bernadette Cottrell - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Deepest sympathies to family. His life was dedicated to his family and public service. He was a great person. Rest in peace.*

Robert Case - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM