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Robert M. Fitzgerald, 81, of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, died Sunday March 4, 2018, at Christiana Hospital two weeks after aortic valve replacement surgery. Born on Oct. 7, 1936, in Warren, Pennsylvania, he was the son of Raymond Fitzgerald and Evelyn Hultman Fitzgerald.

After graduating from Warren High School, he earned a bachelor of science degree from what is now Carnegie Mellon University and a master of science degree from the University of Pittsburgh, both in mathematics. Bob was a retired data processing executive who was elected a commissioner on the Dewey Beach, Delaware, Town Council. A lover of classical music and theater, he was a board member of the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and Clear Space Theatre Company. A lifelong student, he was recently appointed to the board of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Lewes, Delaware. During his 45-year professional career, Bob worked in executive positions at companies including Computer Sciences Corp., Booz Allen Hamilton and Jackson & Tull. At Computer Sciences, he played a key role in a successful bid for a multimillion-dollar contract with NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, prevailing over IBM Corporation. Bob was a lifelong Catholic and a member of St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church in Lewes, Delaware. Earlier, he was a Eucharistic minister at St. Edmond Catholic Church in Rehoboth Beach and served on the parish council at St. Pius X in Bowie, Maryland, where he had lived for more than 30 years and raised his family. He had a passion for local, state and national politics. As a Dewey Beach commissioner, he worked to limit the development of high-rise condominiums and hotels in the resort community. In 2012, he traveled to the Republican National Convention in Tampa with his wife, Pamela, who was an alternate delegate. Bob celebrated his 10th wedding anniversary with her in October 2017.

In addition to his wife, Pamela Duffy Fitzgerald, he is survived by two brothers: David Fitzgerald (Carol) of Marquette, Michigan, and James Fitzgerald (Ingrid) of Youngsville, Pennsylvania. His other brother, Thomas, died in 1993. Bob was married to Mary Grace Brennan Fitzgerald, his first wife and the mother of his four children, from 1959 until her death in 2001. Other surviving family members include his daughters, Megan Ward (Dana) of Havertown, Pennsylvania, and



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Maura Ann Lienesch (John) of Gambrills, Maryland; and his sons, Dennis Fitzgerald (Cathy) of Yonkers, New York, and Kevin Fitzgerald (Mary Beth) of Owings, Maryland. His grandchildren are Cullen Grant McCormick (Mike) of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, Miles Grant of Germantown, Pennsylvania, Grace Fitzgerald and Ann Fitzgerald of Yonkers, Declan Robert Fitzgerald, Mairead Fitzgerald and Lochlan Fitzgerald of Owings and Jack Lienesch of Gambrills. He is also survived by a great-granddaughter, Mary Grace McCormick of Newtown Square. Bob is also survived by two stepdaughters, Julia Walpole Parkhurst (Jay) of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Laura Walpole of Houston; a stepson, Ken Walpole of Atlanta; and two stepgrandchildren, Griffin Parkhurst and Emerson Parkhurst, both of Charlotte.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 10:00 AM at St. Jude the Apostle Church: 152 Tulip Drive; Lewes, DE. A visitation will be held the night prior, March 8, 2018, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway; Lewes, DE. Interment will follow the Mass at Gate of Heaven Cemetery: 32112 Vines Creek Road; Dagsboro, DE.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Bob's memory to Judicial Watch: 425 Third Street SW, Suite 800; Washington, DC 20024, or the American Heart Association: 200 Continental Drive, Suite 101; Newark, DE 19713 .

Please sign the online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3 PM THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



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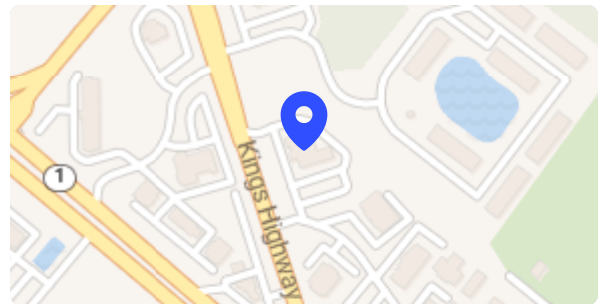
Visitation

 **Thursday**, March 8, 2018


 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



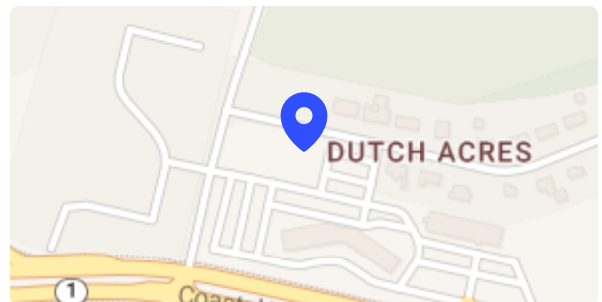
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 10:00 AM ET

 **St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**

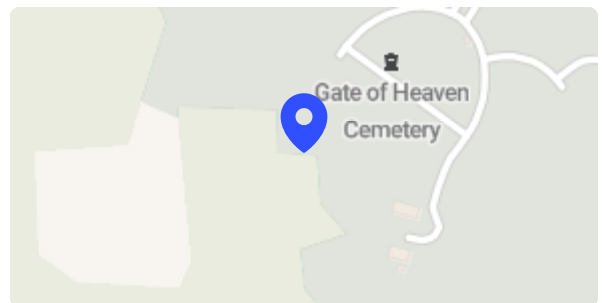
152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE



Cemetery Details

 **Gate of Heaven Cemetery**

32112 Vines Creek Road, Dagsboro DE





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NS

Nancy Gormley Schaub posted:

Megan and family, I am so sorry to hear that your Dad has passed away. I am sure you miss him greatly. I never had the privilege of knowing him, just you and your Mom, but I could tell your love for him. I am sure he was a wonderful man. Please let me know how you are. I am worried about you.

Nancy Gormley Schaub

January 10 at 7:56 PM

CC

Carol Connell posted:

Pam , my heart goes out to you and the family. I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Love and prayers to you all. Love Carol Connell

March 12 at 5:05 PM

SM

Sue Mcmillan posted:

Pam, I am so sorry for your loss. It was such a pleasure getting to know and work with you and Bob through Clear Space. My thoughts are with you. Fondly, Sue McMillan

March 9 at 2:38 PM

PM

Polly Mervine posted:

Pam, I was so sorry to learn of Bob's passing! He was such a kind man. It was a joy to get to know you both through Clear Space. Pam, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you. Love, Polly Mervine

March 9 at 6:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Whisper to the Fitzgerald family.



March 8 at 11:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Fitzgerald family.



March 7 at 4:33 PM



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A Daisey Calhoun posted:

So sorry....he was such a gracious gentleman.always smiling at SCRWC meetings and fundraisers.....proud to say I knew such a good man....

March 7 at 2:41 PM



All Our Love, Mary And Ed sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Fitzgerald family.



March 7 at 2:30 PM



Miked posted:

Kevin (Puddles) Fitz...we are heartbroken learning about your Pops! Much kisses, prayers and Italian love from the Del Borrello's! Love you man.

March 7 at 1:53 PM



Anonymous sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Fitzgerald family.



March 7 at 12:43 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Fitzgerald family.



March 7 at 12:39 PM



Anonymous sent a Sapphire Skies Bouquet to the Fitzgerald family.



March 7 at 11:59 AM



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Sandra Ware posted:

In honor of our friend Bob Fitzgerald, the Sussex County Republican Women's Club will be sending a monetary gift in his name, to the American Heart Association, 200 Continental Dr, Ste. 101, Newark, DE

March 7 at 10:13 AM



Sandra Ware sent a virtual gift in honor of Robert.



March 7 at 10:11 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Fitzgerald family.



March 7 at 9:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Fitzgerald family.



March 7 at 9:11 AM



Alice Daino posted:

We met Bob when he and Pam got married. He was such a delight to know and he made Pam so very happy. It seemed to us to be a marriage made in heaven. We enjoyed the times we spent with them and will miss his beautiful smile and sense of humor. May he rest in peace. Ed and Alice Daino

March 7 at 4:48 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Fitzgerald family.



March 7 at 4:13 AM



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Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Fitzgerald family.

March 7 at 4:08 AM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Fitzgerald family.

March 6 at 4:17 PM



Anonymous sent a Heaven's Comfort to the Fitzgerald family.

March 6 at 3:56 PM



RC

Rick And Alicia Conner sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Fitzgerald family.

March 6 at 2:58 PM



AC

Alicia Conner posted:

As I have tearfully looked at pictures of Uncle Bob and all of our relatives, I keep being drawn to his smile and his ever-present look of "knowing something amusing that he can't wait to tell you." He was a very special man and uncle. Uncle Bob's love for God, family, community, and knowledge are all things that I cherish. He will be sadly and sorely missed. Love, Alicia (Fitzgerald) and Rick Conner

March 6 at 2:34 PM



Anonymous sent a Bright and Beautiful Spray to the Fitzgerald family.

March 6 at 12:39 PM





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Anonymous sent an Amazing Arboricola to the Fitzgerald family.

March 6 at 10:52 AM



Ann Bialas posted:

We met Bob and Pam on a Viking cruise. The kindness they showed us, and the wonderful excursions, dinners and especially the political conversations were such a joy for us. We felt like we knew them forever. We will be praying for all, God is good and God bless you. Ann and Gaylen Bialas.

March 6 at 10:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Fitzgerald family.

March 6 at 8:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Your Light Shines to the Fitzgerald family.

March 6 at 7:22 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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