



## William Lewis Fitzgerald

May 22, 1926 - April 28, 2017

William (Bill) L. Fitzgerald, age 90, of Overland Park, Kansas formerly of Melrose, passed away on Friday, April 28, 2017 at Santa Marta Retirement Community in Overland Park, Kansas.

He was born on May 22, 1926 to William H. and Dana (Hilliard) Fitzgerald in Des Moines, Iowa. He grew up in Des Moines and spent his summers in Melrose, Iowa. In 1943 he enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17 and served his country during WWII and had been stationed on a ship in the South Pacific Ocean. After serving six years in the military, he returned to Iowa. Bill met the love of his life Mary Lou Curran on Thanksgiving night at Leo's Social Club in Melrose. They were married on January 10, 1951 at St. Patrick's Church in Melrose. To this union 4 children were born, Terry, Danny, Debbie and Cindy. Bill and Mary Lou shared 59 years of marriage together until her passing in 2010.

Bill traveled around the world after retirement with Mary Lou. They toured Europe and other foreign countries. He was an avid golfer and would be on the course as often as he could. His real joy in life was spending time with his family and friends.

Bill is survived by his four children, Terry (Tee) Fitzgerald, Danny (Rachal) Fitzgerald, Debbie Fitzgerald and Cindy (Mark Hebenstriet). He is also

survived by his three grandchildren, Mollie Fitzgerald, Will Fitzgerald and Jake Sultani

He is preceded in death by his parents, William H. and Dana Fitzgerald and his wife, Mary Lou Fitzgerald.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Father Mark Yates C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery south of Melrose.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2017 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose with Bill's family present from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., to greet family and friends. A 6:30 rosary will be led by St. Patrick's Altar and Rosary Society and a wake service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

A memorial has been established to the Alzheimer's Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
200 Trinity Ave,  
Melrose, IA

## Rosary

MAY 1. 6:30 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
200 Trinity Ave,  
Melrose, IA

## Christian Wake Service

MAY 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
200 Trinity Ave,  
Melrose, IA

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
200 Trinity Ave,  
Melrose, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Lewis Fitzgerald*

---

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *William Lewis Fitzgerald*

---

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *With Love and Sympathy - CORT Business Services purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Lewis Fitzgerald.*



---

**With Love and Sympathy - CORT Business Services - May 01, 2017 at 01:29 PM**

DS

“ I was always impressed Bill served our country in such a important role at the young age of 17'.When Bill married my sister he also inherited seven siblings.W e all have stories about the fun had by all ... Alhona ... vacations , dancing . fishing . soup ... and Leos ..and so much more .. Bill always told us about spending his summer in Melrose .....a place he loved. Bill served his county . he traveled the world .,and we never knew he could sing until one time in Los vegas he joined In song with Tony Bennet. Bill was fun ...he had a vast interest in the world around him and he always wanted to be buried In. Melrose....and we all heard the stories about his wonderful summers in Melrose . God Bless all Buried on Mt Calvery Hill .....a p[lace of sacred ground ...a place you feel the touch of the Holy Spirit and Thank you God for bringing BILL BACK TO THE PLACE HE CALLED HOME FOR HIS PLACE OF REST ..... And please Bless his family ... they are all SO SPECIAL TOO. PRAYERS ..... ONE OF MARILOUS SEVEN SIBLINGS ..... DOROTHY CURRAN STEINBERG

---

DOROTHY CURRAN STEINBERG - April 30, 2017 at 05:53 PM