



John J. "Fitz" Fitzgerald

July 29, 1947 - September 6, 2014

John J. "Fitz" Fitzgerald passed away suddenly at his home in Bonita Springs, Florida, on September 6, 2014. He was only 67 years of age. John was born in Cambridge on July 29, 1947 to the late John & Anna (Burns) Fitzgerald, was raised in Cambridge and graduated from Matignon High School, Class of 1965.

He went on to graduate from Salem State College with a teaching degree and received his Masters in Education from UMass Boston (formerly Boston State). Mr. Fitz worked as a biology teacher at Medford High School for 35 years. While attending school and during some of his teaching career he worked a second job as a lobsterman for Hook Lobster in Boston and Hines & Smart in East Boston. Later on in his career he worked as a night manager at Johnnies Foodmaster in Melrose. After his retirement he moved to Bonita Springs Florida where he lived for 3 years and worked for a seafood restaurant introducing delicious lobster rolls to his customers primarily due to his connections with the lobster industry in Boston.

Fitz was an avid Boston sports fan, loved the beach, traveling and playing poker with friends. He was also an avid golfer, a former member of the Mount Hood Golf Club in Melrose and a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Former husband of Mary A. (McCabe) Fitzgerald of Melrose. Father of Michele Bormann & her husband Cheyne of West Peabody and Melissa Fitzgerald. Grandfather of Cassandra, Michaela, Christopher, Olivia & Stella. Brother of Gail Pagliuca & her husband Francis of Stoneham & AnneMarie Stanley & her husband Michael of Arlington. Also survived by several nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral from the Gately Funeral Home, 79 W. Foster St. Melrose on Thursday Sept. 18th at 9:30AM, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church, Herbert St. Melrose, at 10:30AM. Relatives & friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours Wednesday from 4:00-8:00PM. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the John J. Fitzgerald Memorial Fund for the Medford High School Science Department, c/o Brookline Bank, 856 Mass. Ave., Arlington, MA 02476.

Arrangements in Florida are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

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“ *John J. "Fitz" Fitzgerald*

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