



Ronald Fitzgerald

August 25, 1936 - July 8, 2008

Ronald Fitzgerald -- Manteno Ronald L. Fitzgerald, 71, of Manteno, died Tuesday (July 8, 2008) at the University of Chicago Hospital in Chicago. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Manteno, and from 10 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Manteno, until the 11 a.m. funeral service. Burial will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Mr. Fitzgerald was a conductor for Illinois Central Railroad for 44 years, and retired from Metra. He was born Aug. 25, 1936, in Clinton, the son of Ira and Hulda Ebershol Fitzgerald. He served in the U.S. Navy for six years. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Manteno. He enjoyed square dancing, having danced at the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno for 10 years; camping, where he was a member of the National Railroad Campers Association (past president of NRRCA), member of the Holiday Rambler Recreation Club, chapter president of Windy City Campers Chapter 94, instrumental in starting and past president of the River Valley Ramblers Chapter 442, and past president of Country Bumpkins of Homewood. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, Bloomington Consistory, 48-year member of Dewitt Lodge 94, in Clifton and was a member of the United Transportation Union, where he served in many offices. Surviving are his wife, the former Arlene Erickson, whom he married Sept. 25, 1989, in Crown Point, Ind.; two sons, Ron Fitzgerald Jr. of Steger, Randy Fitzgerald of Matteson; one stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Michael and Diane Garbacz of Villa Ridge, Mo.; two stepdaughters and one stepson-in-law, Kimberly Garbacz of

Salida, Colo., Debra and Dino Magdes of Dyer, Ind.; three grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Mae Fitzgerald of Clinton, Melvin and Verna Fitzgerald of Christopher; and several nieces and nephews. His parents are deceased.



“ To a great friend and camping buddy. He helped and encouraged me after I went through my heart bypass surgery, (with complications) 3 years ago. He was my biggest and most faithful supplier of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald Foundation. Mary and I will miss him. Floyd
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“ arlene, you and your family have our deepest sympathy, and our prayers.
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“ My sincere condolences to the family. May the memories in your heart help get you through this difficult time. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by many.
 Kim Nicks
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“ Our deepest sympathy, Arlene. i;½We are so sorry we missed the services.##imported-begin##Country Bumpkins##imported-end##

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“ We offer our deepest sympathy to the members of the Ron Fitzgerald Family.

We have been praying for Ron and Arlene for a long time.

May he rest in peace. May Arlene and the rest of the Fitzgerald family find peace.

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“ Dear Arlene and family,

We were so sorry to hear of Ron's death. i;½Know that he was suffering but he lived the good life while he could and always kept the faith.

We are sure you will miss him, as we will, though we have not kept in touch. i;½Know your kids will be a great comfort to you.

If you are every up this way, we'd love to have you stop in. You have our e-mail address too.##imported-begin##jerry & carol deany##imported-end##

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