



Thomas F. Fitzpatrick

January 24, 2016

Thomas F. Fitzpatrick, 85, of Rolling Prairie, Ind., and formerly of the Kankakee area and Chicago, passed away Sunday (Jan. 24, 2016) after a short illness.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Arleen Fitzpatrick; children, Beth (Lou) Bednarek, Brian (Sandi), Bruce (Mary), Bob, Lilli (James Rung) Fitzpatrick and Lisa (Paul) Chidichimo; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Anne Marie McKearn; and sister-in-law, Mildred Fitzpatrick.

Preceding him in death were his son and daughter-in-law, William (Patricia) Fitzpatrick; and siblings, Patrick "Joe" Fitzpatrick and Theresa Thompson.

Tom was a member of St. John Kanty Knights of Columbus Council 14240 in Rolling Prairie, Ind., and the Bishop McNamara 4th Degree Assembly 202 of Kankakee. He was a funeral director and former proprietor of Fitzpatrick Funeral Directors in Kankakee; former member and grand knight of St. Viator Knights of Columbus Council 745; and a past commander of Kankakee American Legion Post 85.

He had been a chief deputy for the Kankakee County Coroner's Office, was a four-term 2nd Ward alderman for the City of Kankakee and was a police commissioner in Bourbonnais. He also was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having

served during the Korean Conflict.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m to 8 p.m. Thursday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. There will be a 3 p.m. wake service led by the Rev. Richard Pighini of Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Bourbonnais. A rosary service will be at 7:30 p.m., followed by military honors at 8 p.m. A private funeral Mass will be said at his home parish of St. John Kanty Catholic Church in Rolling Prairie, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Manor, PO Box 260, Momence, IL 60954.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **28**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
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Tribute Wall

BS

“ Arleen and family,
We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. We have many good and fun memories of Tom. Our deepest sympathy to all. Thoughts and prayers are with you.
Benny & Charlene

Benny & Charlene Skeldon - January 29, 2016 at 10:42 PM

CJ

“ Dear Arleane and family, my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband and father. He was a wonderful man willing to help anyone and cared about the people 2nd ward while he was our Alderman.



Heaven has gained a wonderful angel, God's blessing

Cheryl Jones - January 29, 2016 at 01:10 AM

SR

“ Tom was a great man, he cared deeply for family and community. He will be missed. My condolences to Arlene and family.
Steve Randazzo

steve randazzo - January 28, 2016 at 01:08 PM

SH

“ Dear Family of Tom Fitzpatrick, My prayers and sympathy are with you. I will always remember that Tom loved the Sisters and he would make sure there was a bouquet of flowers for their Funeral.
Blessings, Sister Martha,sscm

Sister Martha Harrington,sscm - January 28, 2016 at 11:26 AM

DW

“ Debra Wood lit a candle in memory of
Thomas F. Fitzpatrick



debra Wood - January 28, 2016 at 06:37 AM



“ 126 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - January 27, 2016 at 04:44 PM

CH

“ Another good guy gone! There will always be a hole where he used
to be, but his great sense of fun and family will live on forever, Aunt
Arlene and family our thoughts and love are with you.

Don and Carol (McKearn) Haskins

Carol McKearn Haskins - January 27, 2016 at 12:47 PM

CM

“ Dear Arlene, and family, how my heart breaks for each of you. There will never be enough tears to wash away the pain of this loss. I stood in my kitchen after the sad call from Anne and talked to Dick about watching for him, and I thought I heard Tom's unmistakable chuckle. As I miss Dick, so will I miss sweet Tom, now and for the rest of my life. He was such a special man and I loved him so. God Speed dear one.

Colleen McKearn - January 27, 2016 at 12:12 PM

WD

“ Arlene, Brian and the entire Fitzpatrick family my deepest sympathy to you all. I have such great memories of Tom during his time in Chicago at Weinstein's and me at Quinlan's. He was always willing to teach me a student at that time. Rest in peace my friend. William Dunn Dunn Family Funeral Homes

William Dunn - January 27, 2016 at 11:22 AM

SI

“ Sister Inga lit a candle in memory of Thomas F. Fitzpatrick



Sister Inga - January 26, 2016 at 11:10 PM



“ *Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Thomas F. Fitzpatrick.*



January 26, 2016 at 09:44 PM



“ *As a high school student in the early 1970s working at Deerwood Convalescent Home I went to the funeral for one of the patients there and was the only one attending. Mr. Fitzpatrick presided over the service like he had a packed house. I will never forget the respect I had for him from that day forward. What a blessing to have seen him do God's work.*

*Marian Barry
Mesa, Arizona*

Marian Barry - January 26, 2016 at 09:04 PM



“ *We are so upset to hear about Uncle Tom, I am thinking of you all at this time and sending prayers. This is such a hard thing to do and my heart breaks for all of you.*

We will try to bring Mom in for the visitation if she feels she can make it.

Love to all-Gary and Kathy Hensel



Kathy Hensel - January 26, 2016 at 07:27 PM

Martin Gutzmer

“ Tom Fitzpatrick exemplified what it meant to be a Good Christian and a Faithful Citizen and Leader in his community. I considered Tom to be one of my best friends when I pastored in the Kankakee area. Tom and I celebrated many lives as we did funerals together. Tom was always a joy to work with, and will be deeply missed!
With God's blessings,
Martin & Anne Gutzmer

Martin Gutzmer - January 26, 2016 at 01:29 PM

KM

“ Mrs. F. I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing! I will forever remember his laugh, his hugs, his compassion to everyone he ever met, his devotion to St. Patrick's parish back in the day...
My thoughts & prayers are with you & your family.
I'm sorry I can't be at Tom's services, but know I send my love & hugs!



Katy Mulcahy-Line - January 26, 2016 at 12:56 PM

PB

“ Tom was a very good man he taught me a lot about politics and he was fun to be around ! sorry Arleen and family about the loss of Tom

Phil & Cathy Boehm - January 26, 2016 at 11:53 AM

GB

It is an honor to have spent time with Tom and all the family. Such joy and great times we have had. Thinking of you now and always
Gary and Jeannine Burton

gary Burton - January 29, 2016 at 09:35 AM