



Geary Stanford Fitzgerald

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Geary was born in Portland, Oregon, on August 20th, 1942, to Ernest S. Fitzgerald and Geraldine Smith Fitzgerald. He graduated from Gresham High School, class of 1960, and enlisted in the Navy that same year. He served for 2 years based in San Diego, California. Geary started a family and they moved to Jacksonville, Florida in 1968.

Many years later, he relocated to Lakeland, Florida and met his lovely wife, Marylyn. They were married in 1983 and enjoyed 41 cherished years together. During that time, they made several moves to be closer to family members. They returned to Jacksonville in the late 80's and moved to his beloved home state of Oregon in 1993, where Geary worked at a major truck manufacturing plant and was a member of the Teamsters Union. He retired in 2004 and they bought an RV. For three years, Geary and Marylyn made wonderful memories traveling and RVing across the country with family and friends. They then decided to move back to Florida in 2007 to live out the remainder of their retirement together.

Geary was dearly loved by his children Leslie, Cindy, Gary, Candice, and Mary, grandchildren Dusty, Tabitha, Kelly, Phillip, Victoria, Tristan, Ian, Julia,

Michael, Mandy, Leslie, Lillie, Maci, and Jordyn, along with fourteen more precious great grandchildren and one great-great grand baby.

He is survived by one brother, Steve Smothers and many adored nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by three siblings Patty Johnson, Nancy Johnson, and David Smothers.

Geary enjoyed many hobbies and activities, including golfing, bowling, and racquetball in his younger years. He also loved growing vegetables, fishing, hunting, woodworking, horsemanship, sporting clays, RV'ing, and spending time with family. He and Marylyn always worked hard to make a beautiful home. One of their favorite hobbies was to create handmade gifts together and give them to family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, May 25, 2024 from 2-4 pm at the Stuart Center, 1702 S. Holland Pkwy. Bartow, FL 33830. In lieu of flowers, please share your favorite photos and special memories of Geary. He will be dearly missed.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stuart Center
1702 S. Holland Pkwy.
Bartow, FL 33830

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Marylyn lit a candle in memory of Geary Stanford Fitzgerald* ”



Marylyn - April 25, 2024 at 10:10 AM

MA

“ *My husband and my best friend. I miss you now and always.* ❤️ ”

Marylyn - April 25, 2024 at 10:08 AM

CM

“ *What a man builds with his hands, he builds with his soul. 1st Corinthians 3:10: "I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care." Thank you Geary Fitzgerald, for building a foundation of Sacrifice, Love, and Care.* ”

Carole McKenzie - April 24, 2024 at 10:30 PM

JM

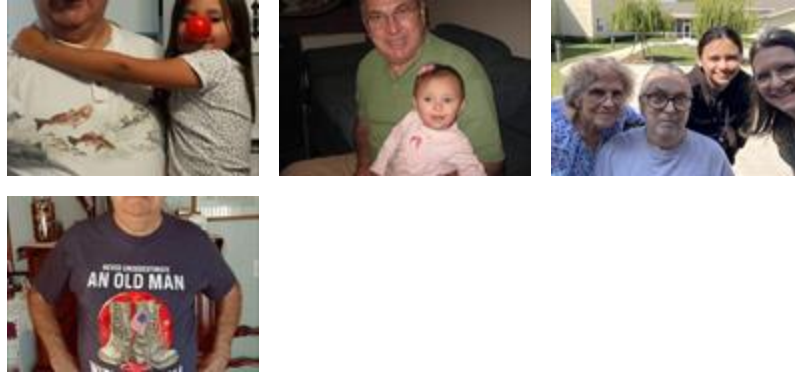
“ *Jordyn Mckenzie lit a candle in memory of Geary Stanford Fitzgerald* ”



jordyn mckenzie - April 20, 2024 at 07:19 PM

JM

“ I love you grandpa. Even though it hurts I will still remember you.
Your in a safe place now and god will take care of you



jordyn mckenzie - April 20, 2024 at 07:18 PM

LW

“ You were the most amazing grandpa any little girl could ask for .
You showed me what a real man was supposed to be like . I love you
always ! I have so many great memories with you . You never failed
to tell me how beautiful I was and I will forever remember that . I'm
so sad you didn't have enough time to meet my baby girl but she
will know you even though you're gone ! I promise ! ☐ rest in peace
beautiful soul .



Lillie woods - April 20, 2024 at 05:27 PM

CW

“ I will never forget you geary. They broke the mold when they made you. My Lillie used to say, "mommy, when I grow up, I'm gonna marry a man just like Grandpa". You were a great husband and a great grandpa. Thank you geary, rest in peace.

Candy woods - April 20, 2024 at 03:54 PM

HG

“ Geary you were my favorite brother in law, you are and will forever be in my heart you will be missed

Helen Gilileo - April 20, 2024 at 02:52 PM

RR

“ he was a good man have a lot of memories so sorry for your loss
Ron Robison

ron robison - April 20, 2024 at 12:09 PM