



## Michael "Fitzy" Fitzgerald

November 13, 1951 - November 20, 2025

Michael Edward Fitzgerald, known to almost everyone as “Fitzy,” passed away at home on November 20, 2025—one week after his 74th birthday—surrounded by family, following a two-year battle with lung cancer. During his illness, Fitzy continued to live life to the fullest. He traveled to Ireland during treatment to see his favorite musician, Bruce Springsteen, not once or twice, but three times, and even managed a golf trip to Florida. He never lost his spirit or quick wit and kept his friends and family laughing well into his final days.

Mike was born in Pittsfield on November 13, 1951, to Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald. He was predeceased by his parents; his brothers Patrick and Joe (“Jose”); and his beloved wife, Teresa, in 2021. He leaves behind his children Jason, Erin, and Luke; his siblings John and Maureen; and many nieces and nephews on his wife's side of the family, where he was often affectionately known as “Uncle Mike the Cop.” Fitzy lost many friends along the way but leaves behind some of his closest lifelong friends: Eugene Auge (Karen) of Pittsfield; Bill Murphy (Lisa) of Rhode Island; Bob “Smitty” Smith (Diane) of Florida; and Steve (Diane) Magaral of Worthington.

In his early years, Mike attended Pittsfield schools and graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1969. He went on to attend BCC, American International College, and Southern Vermont College, ultimately earning a

master's degree in Criminal Justice. As a young man he was proud to be part of the local gym team and even performed at the World's Fair in New York City.

Mike once aspired to pursue a writing career in California but eventually returned to Pittsfield, where he joined the Pittsfield Police Department. He served for 30 years, retiring at the rank of sergeant, and also served for many years as president of the police union. He was known for his compassionate approach to policing, often saying that when someone encounters the police, it is likely the worst day of their life—and they should be treated with understanding and empathy.

Mike enjoyed a long retirement of over 18 years and often said he recommended it. He was a staple in the Bag O' Beer golf league for many years and spent countless hours at the GEAA, Skyline, Berkshire Hills, and Pontoosuc. He made friends everywhere he went, always enjoying good company. A staunch opponent of "fun-sucking," he loved to laugh, joke, and make the most of life.

Fitzy made it a priority to instill in his children the importance of life experiences: time with friends and family, sporting events, live music, travel, making memories with loved ones, hard work, and compassion.

Funeral Notice:

Calling hours for Fitzy will be Friday, December 5, 2025, from 4pm to 7pm at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home in Pittsfield, 220 East St, Pittsfield MA 01201. Burial will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 11am at St. Mary's Cemetery on Route 203 in Nassau, NY. A celebration of his life at Zucchini's Restaurant in Pittsfield will directly follow at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, all donations in Fitzzy's memory can be made to The Love of T, PO Box 3045, Pittsfield MA 01202, and will specifically be used to help fund a suicide prevention film on his late wife, Teresa.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Rte 203  
Nassau, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Pittsfield  
220 East St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 445-4064  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Cemetery  
Rte 203  
Nassau, NY

## Celebration of Life

DEC 6. 1:00 PM.

Zucchini's  
Pittsfield, MA



# Tribute Wall



“ 105 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - December 05, 2025 at 12:29 PM

PP

*I can't believe Fitzzy passed away. He was a good friend in fact, we lived together on Dewey Ave years ago when we were enrolled at BCC. He was a great guy as was his older brother Joe. We had so many good times, also with Carl Ferris our other roommate. So sorry to hear this news and I wish the family the very best. We love you Brother.*

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**Paul Michael Perry** - December 24, 2025 at 01:59 PM

TM

“ *The Love of T Board Members planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael "Fitzzy" Fitzgerald.*

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**The Love of T Board Members** - December 02, 2025 at 04:29 PM

TM

“ *The Love of T Board Members purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael "Fitzy" Fitzgerald.*



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**The Love of T Board Members** - December 02, 2025 at 04:29 PM

SK

“ *Oh Fitzy how I remember you so funny. You went out with my bff Pat many yrs ago. We went swimming at the lake & back then you had a huge "fro". You jumped in the lake,came up with your hair all wet & hanging down,then you shook your head & voila instant huge "fro!" We laughed like crazy. So I've thought about you through the yrs & wondered if u were still around. Bill & I hung out with your brother Jose for yrs. We so loved him! So sad about his unexpected passing as I just talked to him on the phone the day before he passed. As I sit here reading your obit,I'm also saddened by your passing. What a great life you had that was truly blessed by your family & friends. I.m sure you will be missed. Love XO Suzy Gilman King*

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**Suzy Gilman King** - November 29, 2025 at 12:06 PM

FS

“ *Fern Portnoy, Roger, Katye & Siska planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael "Fitzy" Fitzgerald.*

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**Fern Portnoy, Roger, Katye & Siska** - November 28, 2025 at 09:30 AM

FS

“ Fern Portnoy, Roger, Katye & Siska purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael "Fitzy" Fitzgerald.



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**Fern Portnoy, Roger, Katye & Siska** - November 28, 2025 at 09:30 AM

CM

“ I remember one time coming out of the GEAA a little under the weather. Fitzy offered to take me home. He was on duty but that didn't matter. He was my friend.

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**Charles Mancivalano** - November 22, 2025 at 02:59 PM

LC

“ Fitzie was one of a kind. Enjoyed many fun times with him and Theresa. My deepest sympathy and thoughts and prayers to all whom loved him.  
Linda Colvin Connors

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**Linda Colvin Connors** - November 21, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael "Fitzy" Fitzgerald.



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November 21, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Michael "Fitzy" Fitzgerald.



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November 21, 2025 at 12:28 PM