



Mr. John Richard Fitzgerald

December 13, 1946 - May 16, 2015

John Richard Fitzgerald, age 68, of 15 Skipper Lane, Salem SC went to his eternal Heavenly home on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

He was born December 13, 1946 in Rochester, NY to the late Herbert Fitzgerald and Margaret Fitzgerald Dodge and spent his childhood and youth in Marysville, OH. He was employed by Union Oil Co. in the Midwest for 23 years and TEPPCO Product Pipeline in Houston for 17 years.

Left to cherish memories of him and carry on his legacy are his loving wife, Lois Weegar Fitzgerald, his daughters; Liz Fitzgerald Goodgame (husband Ben) and Maggie Fitzgerald Boggs (husband Joe Jr.), his five grandchildren Max, Maggie, Jude and Jonah Goodgame and Arleigh Boggs. John also leaves his sister, Ellen Stephen Baerwalde (husband Ken) of Greer and step-sister, Ellen Dodge of Valencia, PA. and countless others who love and call him family.

He and his wife retired to Salem, SC in late 2012. Boating, hiking and fly-fishing were among John's favorite activities. He was passionate about their new active lifestyle. They were members of St. Luke UMC in Walhalla and active in their community of Keowee Key.

John was a remarkable man with a wonderfully, engaging personality. He had

the ability to make everyone feel like a friend. Those fortunate enough to have known him are better for it. He will be missed and forever loved.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 23, at 10:00 am at St. Luke UMC in Walhalla, SC. In lieu of flowers we ask that gifts be made to St. Luke UMC to support local outreach, or to Microseeds.org, a microfinance ministry that John had great passion for.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Richard Fitzgerald*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *To all,
Lois, John, Maggie and Liz, were our wonderful neighbors for 15 years in South Shore Harbour /League City until they moved a few years ago to S. Carolina. The impact of their friendship over those years was immeasurable. My husband, Trey and I along with our children, Carson and Clayton are truly devastated by this painful loss of John. We all love him deeply and the thought of him not here on earth is really heart-wrenching. John showed great love and care to all of us, and was just a complete blast to be around. His wonderful laugh, made you laugh even harder and longer just hearing him. He was a great story teller and just loved to enjoy life. We had many great neighborhood "game-nights" and crawfish boils at the Fitzgeralds, and we will never play another game of Jenga without remembering John recanting was the latest Jenga "record". I loved it when he would often refer to Lois as "his Bride". He always knew what mattered most. We know John is in heaven and we thank God for the honor of being able to know and love such a special man as John. We will miss you and never forget you!*

Suzanne Bonner

Suzanne Bonner - May 27, 2015 at 02:19 PM

LM

“ I first met John when he was at TEPPCO doing business, we soon became good friends. He introduced me to hunting at Bucksrag and we had several wonderful weekends together. My son Chris and a mutual business associate, Kelly Wilkins, played many fun rounds of golf together and have many wonderful memories. He was a great friend and I'll never forget him.

Lee Mayhew - May 25, 2015 at 07:34 PM

LB

“ Dear Lois,

I am so very sad to read this as we plan our 50TH Class Reunion at Marysville. My husband and I went to school with John and he was such a good guy. I lost my Jim 11 years ago and know that wonderful memories will carry you forward plus those wonderful children and grand children. May God Bless you all and my sincere condolences.

Linda Barry

Linda Barry - May 25, 2015 at 07:20 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. John Richard Fitzgerald.



May 24, 2015 at 10:34 AM

SL

“ *What a beautiful, memorable, celebration of life service, Sat, May 23, 2015 at John & Lois' church in Walhalla, SC. The service confirmed what all of the congregation already knew, John was loved by family and friends locally and worldwide. We will miss being with you John in the here and now and look forward to times together again.*

It was just over a year ago that you were sitting on our deck smoking a cigar with Bill and partaking in one of your famous martinis. Sandy and Bill Lacy

Sandy Lacy - May 24, 2015 at 08:29 AM

MJ

“ *Lois,
I am very saddened by this news, but I have so many great memories of John. I will always remember our time working together on Project Blue and the wonderful times I had attending TEPPCO Dinners at the NPRA. He was pleasure to work with. I enjoyed his knowledge, but mostly I enjoyed his humor and his love of sharing memories of his family. Many conversations were spent discussing the lives of our children.*

I have learned how to face adversity with strength and grace through his actions. I will not forget him. His memory will live on. I am so grateful I could reconnect with him prior to his passing and visit with him in person.

My love and thoughts are with you and your family.

Mark Jablonski

Mark Jablonski - May 23, 2015 at 05:47 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Richard Fitzgerald.*



May 21, 2015 at 11:47 AM



“ *The first time I met John was just a few days prior to Joseph and Maggie's wedding. We were in Arkansas and my husband, Joe, and I walked over to meet John and Lois. (A week before John and Joseph had a little "incident" with a rental truck and Joseph ended up with a small cut over his eye.) So, upon opening the door when Joe and I knocked, John was about to introduce himself when I looked him in the eye and said, "We plan on taking better care of Maggie than you have our son!" John threw back his head and laughed so hard. This endeared us to him immediately. Wonderful man, wonderful precious family. Our love.*

Kaye Boggs - May 19, 2015 at 08:06 PM



“ *Maggie, Joseph & Family,
We were very sorry to hear of John's passing but know that our Lord provided His perfect healing. We have and will continue to lift the family and friends up in prayer in the days to come.
Prayerfully,
Haven of Rest Staff
Bristol, TN*

Carmen Johnson - May 19, 2015 at 08:01 PM

KB

“ *Kaye Boggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Richard Fitzgerald*



Kaye Boggs - May 19, 2015 at 07:53 PM

SB

“ *Having volunteered at Crossroads in Houston, I knew John would be a perfect fit. I called him and invited him to join me one day at the homeless mission in southeast Houston. Just like most of us he was hooked from day one. It was beautiful to watch him with the clients. His warmth and caring personality made him an instant hit to all of the volunteers and clients. He was missed when he moved away but his spirit remained with all of us. John continued to support Crossroads through his gifts and prayers after he left. My prayers of comfort go out to Lois, the girls and all of his family.*

Sam Burnett

Sam Burnett - May 19, 2015 at 02:45 PM

HF

“ John Fitzgerald, an amazing man we are all privileged to have known. John and I met when I moved to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (Akron) in early 1973. We lived in a furnished apartment complex “Studio City” whose residents were almost all young singles. John was working for Union 76 (driving a lime green Ford Torino, 2 door so he could get in and out) and I had a job with General Tire International. We became instant friends. It seems that easily making friends was one of John’s many strong, positive character traits. Our connection was skiing and we joined a local ski group, BITOA. (Booze is the only answer). We had some great times for the couple of years we both lived in the same building. One night on the way to the Poconos we were and are convinced we encountered a flying saucer. We stopped and stared for quite a while in absolute amazement. No there was no beer involved, just an incredible experience! I guess you could say “coincidentally” Lois lived on the ground floor down the hall from John. Things that make you go hummm? By 1975 I was transferred overseas and spent the next 25 years working and living in Africa and the Middle East in the construction, finance and development world. Unfortunately, we lost touch. Fast forward to about 2012 and thanks to Facebook John found me and we reconnected, even if only by email. It was no surprise that he and Lois were married, had a wonderful family and he was retired. My how time flies! During my days in Ohio I was a Junior Achievement advisor. John noted that he still had one of the cutting boards our little student company made. I still have mine as well! I am disappointed that I did not get to visit SC while John was still with us. I shall always remember his ready smile, kind words and sage advice even back in those “single” days. We are all blessed to have known John at one time or another. My very best wishes to Lois and family and when I do get to SC I promise to call and visit. Henry Finn

Henry Finn - May 19, 2015 at 01:36 PM

DG

“ Our deepest sympathy to Lois, Liz, Maggie, and your extended family. May you find peace and comfort in the legacy of John as husband, father, and friend.
Don & Sally Grimm

Don Grimm - May 18, 2015 at 04:09 PM

CM

“ I liked John the first time I met him, in 1968, at the Union Oil Training Center in Nothfield, IL. I was a dealer instructor, at the time, and John was a sales trainee. John was personable and bright. He asked all of the right questions and questioned the answers. Our career paths x-crossed over the years between different sales divisions. Whenever we met, it was like meeting an old friend. Ironically, we reconnected at the funeral of Wayne Sawyer in Texas circa 2000. John was working for a P/L company and I was running my own business in Houston. We both discovered that we liked hunting and fishing, espically fly fishing, and rekindled our friendship. We hunted and fished together until John and Lois moved to SC. John was a true friend and I will miss him dearly. May God rest his soul.

Curt Marsolek

Curt Marsolek - May 18, 2015 at 12:45 PM

CC

“ What I remember most was his laugh. He made the most of life and I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. John had that impression on me.



Carol Choquette - May 17, 2015 at 08:45 PM

LF

“ Linda Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Richard Fitzgerald



Linda Fuller - May 17, 2015 at 08:21 PM

LF

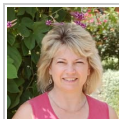
Dear Liz, Ben, Max, Maggie, Jude, Jonah and all your family, We send you all a million hugs and just as much love. There is nothing we can say or do that will ease your pain, but rest assured that we are thinking of you all at this very sad time. Love from everyone at Eastern Suburbs Pre-School, Rotorua NZ.

Linda Fuller - May 17, 2015 at 08:25 PM

MO

I loved being with John and Lois in their home having Bible study. He was a very intuitive and thoughtful man who always left me with something new to ponder. He was so relaxed and easygoing, always having time for someone, and always gave the best hugs. We had a good time in our Christian dream study and I loved listening to him tell the stories of his travels and his kids and grandkids. He was such a good storyteller. I happened to be at the doctors office at the same time John was there. We sat in the waiting room and he talked about his family and travels and pretty soon the whole waiting room full of people had put aside what they were reading and were listening to John's story. Everyone always felt so comfortable around him and just naturally gravitated toward him. I will always carry your memory with me. Later, John. Margie Oden League City, TX

Margie Oden - May 18, 2015 at 02:02 PM



John was always so full of life. Lois, you have so many beautiful memories and God in your life. We pray you will get through this difficult time and enjoy your beautiful family. You are in our deepest thoughts and prayers. Keep him in your heart.

Love, Dave and Linda Retherford

Linda Retherford - May 25, 2015 at 08:21 PM