



# John E. Fitzgerald

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## **John E. Fitzgerald**

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**D**ecatur - John Edward Fitzgerald, 84, of Decatur died Thursday (August 13, 2020) in his home.

John was born on March 23, 1936, in Decatur, the son of John E. Fitzgerald and Loretta M. Rohr Fitzgerald. He was a member of Saints James and Patrick Parish and Knights of Columbus #577.

John worked at Gates and Johnson Lumber Company as a roofer, Ozark Airlines and TWA Airlines. John was a volunteer basketball coach at St. James Catholic School for many years. John was an avid bowler in the Friday night league at Schaefer's Bowling Alley and played on the St. James Church summer softball team. He married Dorothy Kathryn (Kay) Nalefski on April 7, 1956 in Decatur, IL and she preceded him in death on March 4, 2002.

Surviving are his children Kathryn M. Bragg (James), Judith A. Fitzgerald, John E. Fitzgerald, David A. Fitzgerald (Cynthia) all of Decatur, IL and Ann E. Krizan (John) of Winston-Salem, NC.; brother Vincent E. Fitzgerald and sister Theresa L. Fletcher of Decatur, IL.; sister-in-law Joyce A. Nalefski of Decatur, IL; 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren; and, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Kay, his parents, brother Joseph A. Fitzgerald, and great grandson, Owen S. Bragg.

The family would like to thank the staff at Davita Dialysis Clinic on McKinley Avenue, Dr. Sam Potts, Dr. Prasanna Gowdar, Dr. William Ranger, Dr. Mohammed Dawood, Dr. Benjamin Esparaz, Dr. Anuradha Kolluru, Dr. Sudhakar Konda, Dr. Christopher Gram, and DMH Home Health Care. They would also like to extend a special thank you to John's family and friends for their many prayers and acts of kindness.



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Visitation will be from 4 to 7 pm Sunday, August 16, 2020, at Moran & Goebel Funeral Home; vigil prayer service will be at 3:30 pm. Private Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. James Catholic Church with burial in St. Isidore Cemetery. Memorials: Saints James and Patrick Parish or Davita Dialysis Clinic.

The family of John E. Fitzgerald is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL. Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.moranandgoebel.com](http://www.moranandgoebel.com).




# Events


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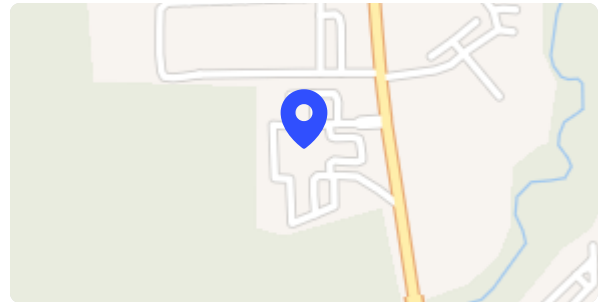
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## Vigil Prayer Service


 **Sunday**, August 16, 2020


 3:30 PM CT


 **Moran & Goebel Funeral Home**  
2801 North Monroe Street, Decatur IL 62526

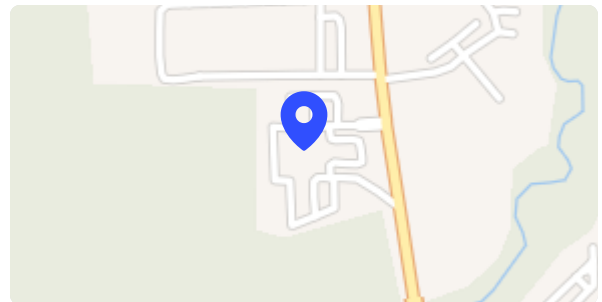


## Visitation


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 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

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## Cemetery Details

 **St. Isidore Cemetery**  
Dalton City IL





# Tribute Wall

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**Tom Mckenzie** posted:

Our sincere sympathy to the family. John was a great friend to me during our time at the Knights of Columbus. Have known the family for many years going back to our children at St James School. Sorry we were unable to attend the visitation. Tom & Jan McKenzie

August 18 at 6:05 AM



**Rebecca Fear** posted:

We want to send our sympathy to all the Fitzgerald family. We did not know Mr Fitzgerald personally but we did sit across the isle from him @ St James for many years so we would see him & whomever happened to be with him that day. I do remember He had a really nice friendly smile. Our prayers are with you. Jerry & Becky Fear

August 16 at 7:51 PM



**Terry Howley** posted:

I always enjoyed John's friendship , especially on Friday nights during Football season @ ST T .....now the entire press-box crew are back together again .....prayers for all of John's family .....

August 16 at 4:54 AM



**Roger Lowe** posted:

I am saddened at the loss of Big John; he was sure a big fan of all of his children. You will all be in my thoughts.

August 16 at 2:44 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Fitzgerald family.



August 15 at 2:21 AM



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PM

**Pat Morrison** posted:

To John and the entire Fitzgerald family. I was very sorry to hear about your dad. But I want you to know that he had a big impact on the lives of those he coached. We were lucky to have such a dedicated and skilled coach who prepared us so well. He was a man with integrity. I believe we were undefeated among Decatur teams for four years and lost a few games to Peoria. We knew what to do and we had a lot of fun. And we were also lucky to have an outstanding teammate in John. My last encounter with your dad was at a St. Teresa football game. He was with David watching his grandson play. I laughed and apologized to him for not following his instructions one time in the huddle. He suggested that I personally and firmly hand the basketball back to the "on the road ref" who had just fouled me out of a tournament game. So many good memories. RIP Coach. Pat Morrison, St James Bluejays 1971-74.

August 14 at 2:18 PM

TS

**The Dugan's** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Fitzgerald family.



August 14 at 10:19 AM

BF

**Bdi Decatur Family** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Fitzgerald family.



August 14 at 9:52 AM

KF

**Kirt Nalefski And Family** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Fitzgerald family.



August 14 at 9:48 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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