



## James J. Fitzgerald III

January 6, 1944 - October 30, 2023

James “Bud” Fitzgerald, of Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin, and Crystal River Florida, beloved husband to Susan Poulsen, passed away on Monday October 30 at the age of 79.

Bud grew up in Wilmett, Illinois and graduated from New Trier High School. He spent many years in sales, from selling real estate, printing services and creating and designing donor walls for hospitals and universities.

Bud was an avid collector of everything and could fix and build anything. Bud had a passion for learning and mastering all hobbies. He was a skilled wood worker and DIY guy. Bud was a member of the Minocqua Gun Club and SASS (Single Action Shooting Club) participating in Cowboy Action Shooting and sporting clays.

Bud and Susan traveled many miles in their motor home. They especially loved to escape the cold snowy Wisconsin winters to their home in Florida. Always active, singing in church and to anyone that would listen. His laugh and wit will be remembered by everyone

he touched.

Bud is survived by his wife Susan Poulsen together for 33 years; sister, Ginger Kotz; beloved children, Kellie Gray, Kerrie DeVolder (Kevin), Jason Fitzgerald (Rhonda), Wendy Poulsen; niece, Lisa Kotz. He leaves behind 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by grandchildren, Walter(Drew) Andrew Gray and Danielle(Dani) Susan Sommerdorf; parents James and Jeannette Fitzgerald.

He will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be at Bolger Cremation and Funeral Services, Woodruff, Wisconsin, on Monday November 6, at 9:00 am with a service at 9:30 am.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Woodruff Chapel  
1212 First Avenue  
(mailing address P.O. Box 40, Woodruff WI 54568)  
Woodruff, WI 54568  
(715) 356-6006  
bolgerfuneral@gmail.com  
<https://www.bolgerfuneral.com>

## Memorial Service

NOV 6. 9:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ This is John Fryklund, Buds old friend from and hunting, cabin building chasing around Murphy Lake Presque Isle, Wi in 1980 and 1990's years. .Many hunting hours enjoyed at my rough cabin on Murphy Lake. Introduced Sue to Bud during this time. My pleasure to have to tied this together. Sue I am so sorry I did not know of your loss. You both were very close to me....I first met Bud in early 1980's in Gurney, IL starting our friendship at Heather Ridge townhome group. Two single mid life adults with very similar life experiences sharing a lot of guy fun....so much roughing it in northern Wisconsin . Yes he was a special and a good friend.

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**John Fryklund** - May 25, 2024 at 01:44 PM

JF

“ We were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden passing of our friend and neighbor Bud Fitzgerald. For many years he and Sue lived next door to our Wisconsin summer cabin. During our annual visits we spent many pleasant hours together. We particularly remember the Fourth of July parades where Bud was such an enthusiastic host and participant. He was always entertaining. Bud was of course a very unique person. He had a wide range of interests and skills which he was always willing to share. Sue and he were important resources to our family - helping us to understand the challenges of North Woods living and assisting us in many ways. We will miss Bud. He was an welcome and important addition to our Wisconsin experiences. Our visits there will never be the same.

*Joe and Janean Jaklevic  
Lafayette, CA and Arbor Vitae, WI*

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**Jaklevic Family** - November 05, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James J. Fitzgerald III.

November 02, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of James J. Fitzgerald III.



November 02, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Stephen &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James J. Fitzgerald III.

Stephen &. - November 02, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James J. Fitzgerald III.

November 02, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of James J. Fitzgerald III.



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“ Union Pacific Railroad purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James J. Fitzgerald III.



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**Union Pacific Railroad** - November 02, 2023 at 09:12 AM

JB

“ Sue, I wish we could be there for you. Our deepest sympathy goes the thousand miles to you. I know Bud is already causing trouble up there with the angels. He was one of the best here on earth!  
Joanne & Gary

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**Joanne Boman** - November 01, 2023 at 05:27 PM