



Patrick L. Fitzpatrick

July 10, 1939 - August 4, 2013

Fitzpatrick, Patrick L., August 4, 2013 age 74 of Novi. Longtime administrator with Plymouth Canton School System. Beloved brother of Peggy (Alan) Gapske, Katie (Robert) Granum, and the late Michael (Jeanette) Fitzpatrick. Dear longtime friend of Maxine MacCormack. Also survived by 9 nieces and nephews, and several cousins. Visitation Friday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Saturday 10:00 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 Ten Mile Rd., Novi. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery in Alpena, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Dr. Patrick Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth, MI 48170. To share a memory, please use the View and Send Condolences tab on this web page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Patrick L. Fitzpatrick*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I never liked him, but I did appreciate his work ethic. He really felt above all district guidelines, because he worked there so long. He was not well rounded. The work was his life. A sad existence.*

Sue - December 17, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ *Was sad to learn about Dr. Fitzpatrick i was one of his former students very kind man he was my paryers go out to his family. Devanie (Weise) Haroney*

Devanie (Weise) Haroney - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM



“ *I worked with Mr. Fitzpatrick @ Salem H.S. He was genuinely a beautiful person..great sense of humor and loved life. He is the epitome of living life to the fullest. God Bless his family and may he continue to shine in the Heaven's above.*

Alicia Doty-Densemo - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM



“ *Mr. Fitzl wanted to thank you for being a positive influence when I was a teenager in high school you talked a lot of sense into me and I still appreciate it and will remember it for the rest of my life thank you so much you will be missed by many.*

jill (mikaelian) wells - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

ST

“ *Mr. Fitzpatrick, you were a wonderful Asistant Principal while I attened Plymouth Salem High School in my junior and senior years, graduating in 1972. You are now resting in the Palm of God's great hand, as he has welcomed you home. In the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.... Amen. +*

Sue Taylor - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

DT

“ *Dr. Fitzpatrick, I am so sorry for all that have lost you, my condolences to all. I also was new to Plymouth Salem in 1970. I had just lost my Dad at a very early age. I worked in Fitzpatrick's office all 3 years of high school. Of all the educators in that school, he seemed to know, to understand, and made a big influence and impact on my life, I am forever grateful to you, and will miss you and think of you often. We have lost a pillar of Plymouth/Canton, and one heck of a man. I hope we can meet again someday. You are in my prayers, and will always be thought of fondly. I was thrilled to be asked and did write a few lines for your retirement. R.I.P. Dr. Fitzpatrick, you will definately be remembered by the class of 73' at our 40 year reunion this year. Thanks for the guidance and understanding. No one can ever replace you in our lives, you were and are the best...*

Debbie Talley - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

DT

“ I was sad to read that "Fitz" has passed away. I worked with "Fitz" more than 40 years ago when I was a counselor at Willow Run High School where "Fitz" was an assistant principal. It was such a privilege to know and work with him. He was always so responsible and supportive to the staff, the students and the community. He was the first to arrive and the last to leave. Always dressed in a suit and tie walking the halls engaging everyone he met. He was firm, respectful and caring. He loved being an administrator--helping kids. He is one of the few that I've met in my lifetime that truly made a difference. He was a blessing to all he met. With Deep Sympathy,
Dr. Ilona L. Tobin Licensed Psychologist Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Dr. Ilona L. Tobin - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

SH

“ To Pat's Family, I've always valued Pat's friendship and our monthly conversations. May he rest in peace.

Stephen Hier - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

CB

“ Fitz, you, must have been smiling to see all the Salem staff together this afternoon! Once again you may it possible for us to reconnect, to hug and to tell oh so many good stories of you. You have left a warm spot in all of our hearts. Peace and hugs, Fitz. Peace and hugs.

Cindy Bastion - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

BR

“ Was a pleasure to work for you when you first came to Plymouth High. I've had some memorable memories of the students and you there. We all shall miss you!

Barb Reed - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry for the incredible loss to the friends, family and students of Dr. Fitzpatrick. I am truly going to miss my friend. Dr. Fitzpatrick left a deep impact on not only my life but the lives of all who knew him. His love, wisdom and compassion were never ending. His dedication to education and the betterment of society is only a small portion of the legacy he leaves behind. This man always left things better than how he found them. I hope all of his family, friends and students find comfort knowing that he is now at peace and will continue to watch over us from above.

Brandon Bunt - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

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“ My prayers go to the family. He was a great man. I truly have special place in my heart for him. He always said i had a bubbly personality and helped me out when i got in my car accident towards the end of tenth grade. He always liked my egg rolls. Great memories and inspiration of a legend. He will be surely missed. A gift from god. Rest in peace and bless ti all that loved him.

linda smith (bocks) - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

EK

“ Peggy, Sorry to hear about your brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

EUGENE KENDZIORSKI - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ As a caring, compassionate administrator who "never gave up on his students," it was an honor to work as a team member to problem-solve and support the students at PCEP. I continue to meet our former students who praise his dedication and commitment to Salem High School. Dr. Fitzpatrick will be sorely missed!

June Swartz - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

KW

“ Dr. Fitzpatrick was truly the "Father Flanagan" of the high school. No matter how bad, he believed every kid could be steered away from a path of failure and put on a path of success. He helped my daughter throughout her four years of high school. I know how much time he spent on her and I also know that there must have been so many like her each and every semester. He cared about all of them. His family can be proud of his legacy.

Kathy Walker - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

KR

“ I wanted to take a moment and tell those that are grieving Dr. Fitzpatrick's passing that I am so sorry for the loss of a truly wonderful, inspirational, caring, kind, and great man. I am so sad to hear of his passing. Dr. Fitzpatrick helped me through high school and while he may not have been able to see the woman I have become today it is in part because of him I was able to. His impact on my life was great and monumental. If it weren't for him I may not be here today. He played a very key role in making sure I graduated (and on time at that!) He helped me through some of my darkest times. He used to joke he had my mom on his speed dial (who knows maybe he did lol). Thank you Dr. Fitzpatrick, you will forever be in my memory and talked of fondly. I wish I could tell you that I FINALLY went to college and I made something of myself it wasn't without struggle of course (who would I be if I didn't have those) but I did it and I made it you believed in me when not many did so Thank you again. Sincerely, Kari

Kari (Maki) Rushlow - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

KT

“ So sorry for your loss. We have lost a major pillar of Salem High School and PCEP. He is one of the 'founding fathers' of the Park, one of the few who understands the PCEP ideal and Legacy. Always caring and overseeing the students, staff, and heritage of the school, NEVER able to be replaced. Fitzgerald, you will be missed.

Kathryn Thompson - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

PS

“ To Maxine and all of Fitz's family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Dr. Fitz was an important anchor in my life during turbulent days, as I'm sure he was to many students. Hoping that your loving memories sustain you in the coming days.

Patricia Tschirhart Spangler - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM

RB

“ Dr. Fitz, Richard and I want thank you for being such a wonderful friend and mentor to our son, Brandon!!! You were a kind and caring man who will be missed by us as well as many, many friends and family!!! It was a pleasure to have known you!!!! God Bless You Dr. Fitz!!!

Rose & Richard Bunt - December 12, 2014 at 10:12 AM