



## Kevin W. Fitzsimmons

October 20, 1952 - January 25, 2016

Kevin Wayne "Fitz" Fitzsimmons, 63, of Lebanon, Virginia, formerly of Clarion, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 25, 2016 in Virginia.

Fitz was born on October 20, 1952; the son of the late Donald C. and Ruth Marie Smith Fitzsimmons.

He was a man of many talents and served as sergeant in the 458th Engineers Reserve Unit in Brookville.

Fitz worked 17 years with Corle-Benn Auto Parts and later became a Nationwide Insurance agent for 25 years.

Having a love for sports and outdoors, Kevin liked hunting and fishing.

Fitz was the Defensive Coordinator for the Clarion Area High School football team for 15 years. He loved working with the players as they developed their skills. Baseball was one of his many skills and he was a former member of the Corsica Astros. Kevin was a Mason and served as Past Master at the Clarion Masonic lodge #277. He was a member of the Coudersport Consistory, the Zem Zem Shriners of Erie, and the Royal Order of Jesters #58 which he was a proud member and honored to be so.

Kevin was a long time loyal Steeler's and Pirates fan. He loved golfing and whether playing at Pinecrest or at the spring and fall Honest Harry Invitational golf outings, he was very competitive and was respected for his game. Being very skilled at the sport, he competed many times at the annual Myrtle Beach World Amateur Golf Tournament where on one trip he subsequently met the love of his life, Carole Fields of Lebanon, Va. Shortly thereafter, Kevin retired

and moved to Virginia with his wife Carole. Although retired, Kevin quickly became a fixture of the Lebanon community by actively participating in town events and he, along with new friends, opened the Fitz Pawn Shop.

Kevin leaves behind his loving wife, Carole; son, Matthew Fitzsimmons and wife, Tamera, of Shippenville, Pa.; daughter, Meredith Fitzsimmons of Louisville, Ky.; sons, Joey, Tyler and Charlie Fields, of Lebanon, Va.; brother, Bill and wife, Jan Fitzsimmons of Sellersville, Pa.; sister, Lori Fitzsimmons of Indiana, Pa; grandchildren, Austin, Emma and Kaelynn Fitzsimmons, of Shippenville, Pa.; along with several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews; and of course, his Honest Harry Golf buds.

A genuine man of valor and character he will be dearly missed.

Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2016 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion and also from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 6, 2016 in the Funeral Home.

Military Honors will be accorded by the American Legion Post 66 on Saturday Afternoon and the Masonic Lodge #277 of Clarion will hold a service at 6:30 p.m. in the Funeral Home.

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# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *he was a great man, he will be missed...*



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**cheyenne ball** - September 05, 2018 at 02:19 PM

JM

“ *It was a privilege to know you my friend. My sincerest condolences to Carole & family.*

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**John Moon** - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Carole, Matt and Meredith,*

*Our deepest sympathy on the tragic loss of your husband and father. He will be remembered for being a positive influence to many young athletes in Clarion and will be missed by his many golfing buddies. He passed too soon. Our thoughts are with you.*

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**Bob and Paula Bowersox** - February 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My thoughts and condolences go out to entire Fitzsimmons family. Fitz/Mr. Fitzsimmons/Coach Fitz was a huge part of my childhood and teenage life as he was to so many.

*I had the honor of knowing Fitz early on through my grandparents and Corle-Benn. My grandmother (Lucille Corle Kifer) would go on and on about Fitz this and Fitz that and I know my grandfather (Bill Corle) loved him as well.*

*I had the fortune of knowing Mr. Fitzsimmons as one of my good friend's fathers who always knew how to keep a group of young boys in line.*

*I had the privilege of knowing Coach Fitz as one that knew how to inspire and mentor so many of us on and off the field.*

*In my mind, Fitz is a giant among men that is truly walking with God.*

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**Michael Foster** - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Fitz and I started our Nationwide Insurance careers the same day. We became instant friends as we both loved coaching football and we both raved about our children. Fitz would have done anything to help anyone and later was in my wedding. I will miss him dearly. RIP bud.

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**Barry Maluchnik** - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Matthew and Meredith you have our prayers and sympathy Joe and Mary Jo

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**Mary Jo and Joe Farone** - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Matt and family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. What a kind and caring man who will be missed by many!

Amy Hetrick - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ RIP Coach Fitz. You were a great man. Your family is in my prayers.

Jeff Hinderliter - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Kevin always displayed a genuine, supportive word and a legitimate smile that endures for us which we all miss.

Girvan family - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ It was good to be his friend. Dan and I always enjoyed time spent with him and Kevin will be deeply missed.

Dan and Barb McClaine - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Fitzsimmons Family  
In this time of sorrow,our only consolation is the knowledge that we were privileged to know and work with Fitz over the years.  
Although he is gone from us in person his memory will live with us forever.  
Our hearts and our prayers are with you at this most difficult of times

Ray Austin and Family

Ray Austin and Family - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ So sorry to hear of Kevin's passing--way too soon! We had many rides to meetings together as agents. And he was always good to help whenever a request was made. He surely loved his family! May God comfort you all.

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**Janet Troutman** - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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