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Elmer John Fitzgerald



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Elmer John Fitzgerald, 94, of Zearing, died of dementia on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames.

He was born in Colo on Jan. 23, 1909, to John and Josephine (Hartman) Fitzgerald. He married Eleanora Mizner on June 13, 1939, at Garner. He was employed as a lumber contractor. From 1940 to 1955, he lived in Colfax, where he owned Fitzgerald Construction Company. In 1955, when he moved to Zearing, he owned and operated Fitzgerald Lumber and Ready Mix. In retirement, he grew hydroponic tomatoes and owned and operated Fitzgerald Stump Service. He was a member of St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Zearing, the Zearing Fire Department, the Knights of Columbus, and he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Zearing.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanora, of Zearing; two daughters, Patricia (and Dennis) Anderson of Zearing and Rosalie (and Bennett) Reischauer of Muscatine; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Wheatcraft of Colfax and Rita Lindberg of Torrence; and one brother, Joe Fitzgerald of Mitchellville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 29, at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Zearing. Burial was in the Lincoln Township Cemetery, Zearing. Fredregill Funeral Home, Zearing, handled arrangements.

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Thursday, January 30, 2003 - MID IOWA ENTERPRISE

OBITUARIES

Elmer John Fitzgerald, 94

Elmer John Fitzgerald, 94, Zearing, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003 at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames. He had been a resident there for 12 days.

A celebration of his life was held Wednesday, Jan. 29 at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Zearing with Ft. Jon Seda officiating. Burial followed in the Lincoln Township Cemetery in Zearing.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born Jan. 23, 1909 at Colo, the son of John and Josephine (Hartman) Fitzgerald.



He married Eleanora Mizner on June 13, 1939 in Garner. He was a member of St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, a member of the Zearing Fire Department, Knights of Columbus, and was a member of the Board of Directors at the

Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Zearing.

From 1940 to 1955 he lived in Colfax where he owned Fitzgerald Construction Company. In 1955 he moved to Zearing where he owned and operated Fitzgerald Lumber and Ready Mix. In retirement he grew Hydroponic tomatoes and owned and operated Fitzgerald stump service.

Elmer is survived by his wife, two daughters Mrs. Patricia (Dennis) Anderson of Zearing; Mrs. Rosalie (Bennett) Reischauer of Muscatine; two sisters Margaret Wheatcraft of Colfax; Rita Lindberg of Torrence; a brother Joe Fitzgerald of Mitchelville; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Fredregill Funeral Home of Zearing was in charge of arrangements.

MID IOWA ENTERPRISE

Thursday, March 20, 2003

CARD OF THANKS: A sincere thank you to everyone for their concern, support and sympathy. The cards, often with remembrances written about Elmer, the beautiful flowers, delicious food, phone calls and memorial gifts were all greatly appreciated. Elmer's family, church and community were a very important part of his life of 94 years. Special thanks to Father Seda, Colonial Manor, Israel Hospice and the Zearing Fire Department. Your participation in Elmer's last weeks and services were very comforting for the family.

**Eleanora Fitzgerald
Dennis & Patricia Anderson
Travis, Laurie & Kelly
Anderson
Taylor & Holly Anderson
Bennett & Rosalie Reischauer
Danielle Lowe
Craig & Jane Reischauer
Jeremy, Regina, Ethan & Laim
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