



## Joan G. Fitzgerald

February 8, 1931 - February 13, 2011

Dateline: Godfrey

Fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church, Joan Marie Garrow Fitzgerald passed away peacefully at St. Anthony's Health Center on Sunday, February 13, 2011 at 8:40 a.m. Born in Chicago on February 8, 1931, she was the daughter of Robert G. and Josephine Cole Garrow. She graduated from St. Barnabas Grade School, the Academy of Our Lady at Longwood and Mundelein Catholic Girls College of Chicago with a Bachelor of Science degree. She taught school in the Chicago Public School System prior to her marriage. Joan was also a substitute teacher at St. Patrick's and Sts. Peter and Paul grade schools in Alton. On May 7, 1955, she entered into the Sacrament of Matrimony with Emmett Fitzgerald at Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church in Chicago. Her husband survives. Joan is survived by six adult children, four sons and two daughters: Timothy and his wife Kelly of Macomb, Illinois; Michael and his wife Susan of Godfrey, Illinois, Peter and his wife Michelle of Edwardsville, Illinois; Daniel and his wife Stephanie of Godfrey, Illinois; Kathleen of Godfrey, Illinois and Maura and her husband John Sedlack of Chicago. Joan is also survived by eleven grandchildren, Christopher, Ryan, Michael S., David, Molly, Patrick, Joseph, Maria, and Jane Fitzgerald and John E. Sedlack, and two great grandchildren, Michael J. and Katie

Fitzgerald. Joan also had a brother, William F. Garrow who preceded her in death. Joan was a member of St. Patrick's Church of Alton for many years and then a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Joan loved her life and roles of wife, mother, grandmother, friend, teacher, homemaker, cook, coach, golfer, gardener, shopper and confidant, among others. She also loved Chicago, Notre Dame and Lake Ozark. Visitation will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fourth and Henry Streets, Alton, on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be offered at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Father Jim Walther will be the celebrant. Interment will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be offered to the Ursuline Sisters Convent for its Infirmary, Marquette Catholic High School, St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Anthony's Hospital Hospice or the American Parkinson's Disease Association at Campus Box 8111, 660 S. Euclid Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan G. Fitzgerald*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Joan G. Fitzgerald*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Dear Uncle Emmett and Families, My memories of Aunt Joan were always the kindest of "mothering". While we have lost many years and many miles between, I was doing a geneology search tonight and sadly came across your loss. Your lives were richly blessed by her. Blessings to all her legacy. Nancy, Dale and Kathryn (July 19, 2011)*

**Nancy Garrow Saunders** - July 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am a high school classmate of Kathy's who wanted to offer her and the entire family my condolences. May your happy memories bring all of you comfort at this time of sorrow.*

**Beth Wegener** - February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Emmett,

*Having you as our neighbor and friend is indeed our pleasure. Mrs. Fitzgerald was an inspiration to my children. She embodied how to love your family and take care of others. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Tom and Gwen Riney*

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**Tom and Gwen Riney and family** - February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Dear Fitzgeralds,

*Thinking of you all and praying for you during this sad time. I'll always remember Joan as a classy lady whom I admired. Kate*

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**Kate Walsh** - February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Emmett and Family

*My thoughts and prayers are with you, may she rest in peace.*

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**George Goeken** - February 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless you all with strength and peace during this difficult time.*

*Jeff and Andrea Frankford and family*

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**Andrea Frankford** - February 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Emmett, our thoughts and prayers to you and your family at this time of sorrow Sincerely The Rick Crivello Family and employes of Bobs Lawn & Garden.*

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**Rick Crivello Family** - February 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Pete,*

*Sorry for your loss.... You & your Family have my deepest sympathy!*

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**Seleste Jackson** - February 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Emmett, My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family in your time of loss.*

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**Larry Forehand** - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss.*

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**Stephanie Ruminer** - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Emmett and Family,*

*I wish to offer my sincere sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Donnie Willingham*

*Multimetco, Inc.*

*Anniston, Alabama*

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**Donnie Willingham** - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Dear Emmett and Family,*

*I am sorry to read of Joan's passing. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jack*

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**Jack Williams** - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Dear Emmett and family, so sorry to hear about Joan. We are in Florida and are unable to attend the service but want you to know our prayers and thoughts are with you all. What a wonderful lady who will be missed by all who knew her. God Bless you all and keep you strong.

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**Fred and Mary Ann Hentrich** - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Emmett and family, We're very sorry to hear the sad news. We are currently in South Padre Island, TX and won't be able to attend the services, but wanted you all to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Tom and Maggie

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**tom and maggie carrow** - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are so sorry for your loss, you are all in our prayers at this time...God Bless Joan's loving family and friends...The Oetken's

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**Jim, Susan Oetken, Sr. and family** - February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our deepest sympathy

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**John and Kathleen Bicknell** - February 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM