

Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald

September 22, 1942 - February 27, 2018

Services for Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald, 75, of Tyler, will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Henderson with Pastor Steve Coker officiating. Burial will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery in Minden, TX under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Fitzgerald passed away Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in Dallas. He was born September 22, 1942 in Kilgore to Forrest Bettis Fitzgerald Sr. and Evelyn Deason Tipps Fitzgerald.

Chuck was a member of the First Presbyterian Church Henderson. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1968 with Bachelor's Degrees in Business and Geology. He began his career in 1969 in Human Resources at General Electric in Tyler. In 1973, he joined the pharmaceutical field with Ethicon, Inc., the first of many positions with Johnson & Johnson. He retired from the IOLAB Corporation as Vice President of Human Resources for the Intraocular Pharmaceutical and Site Divisions in California, Puerto Rico and Pennsylvania. After retiring from Johnson & Johnson, he returned, once again, to the pharmaceutical field with DPT Laboratories in San Antonio, where he served as VP of Human Resources.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Forrest and Evelyn Fitzgerald

and siblings, Ann Box, Bo Fitzgerald and J.W. Fitzgerald. He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Mary Beth Fitzgerald; son, Brian and wife Amanda Fitzgerald; son, Patrick and wife Amy Fitzgerald; grandchildren; Jake, Owen, Landon, Quinn, Logan, Cole, Lillie and Caley Fitzgerald; sister, Sara Black and husband James; and brother, Mike Fitzgerald.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Jake, Owen, Landon, Quinn, Logan and Cole Fitzgerald. Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Alexander, Jim Cadenhead, Frank Markey, Hank Preston, Armando Sosa, Buck Thrasher, Ed Thurston and Raul Villareal.

Visitation is scheduled one hour prior to the service on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church, 311 S. High St., Henderson, TX 75654.

Cemetery Details

Maple Grove Cemetery

Minden, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Henderson
311 S. High Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

MAR 3. 1:30 PM (CT)

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311 S. High Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald



Loretta martinez - April 17, 2018 at 10:59 AM



“ Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.



March 05, 2018 at 05:30 PM

GK

“ Glenn and Susan Kues purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.



Glenn and Susan Kues - March 05, 2018 at 02:06 PM

SH

“ Many fond memories of Chuck. He will be missed by his classmates from HHS. Enjoyed visiting with him at our monthly lunches. Prayers for. Mary Beth and family.

Sherry Harris

Sherry Harris - March 03, 2018 at 11:28 AM

NO

“ When I heard the news I was so overwhelmed. All the great times we’ve had talking about family, planning picnics, Christmas parties and employee events. Chuck was one of a kind. He set the culture at DPT and always put people first. That’s rare in the workplace to find people who genuinely care. Chuck was like a father to me in so many ways. I learned a lot about life, forgiveness and HR from him. “Every day is a holiday” was his favorite saying. Rest in him Chuck.



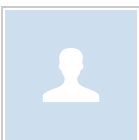
Nicole Outing - March 03, 2018 at 08:29 AM

 Kathy White

“ Kathy White purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.



Kathy White - March 02, 2018 at 04:14 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.



March 02, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.*



March 02, 2018 at 02:32 PM



“ *Lyle Flom purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.*



Lyle Flom - March 02, 2018 at 01:32 PM



“ *The Beyond Sunday Class purchased the Treasure Lilies Spray for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.*



The Beyond Sunday Class - March 02, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ *Sweet Mary Beth and Family....my thoughts and prayers are with you. I know, without a doubt, you will stay strong and cherish all the wonderful times you had together through the years. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs. Phyllis Shaw Bigbie*



Phyllis Shaw Bigbie - March 02, 2018 at 12:54 PM

LA

“ Chuck was a positive influence on everyone he touched. He was considerate, kind and fair. Always ready to help. He will be missed.

Larry Anderson - March 02, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.



March 02, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.



March 02, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.



March 02, 2018 at 11:03 AM

CW

“ *Mary Beth and family: Johnny and I are so sorry for your loss. God's comfort to you at this sad time.*



Cyndi Walker - March 02, 2018 at 10:07 AM

HP

“ *I consider myself very fortunate to have met and worked closely with Chuck during our careers at DPT. We developed a especially close friendship which I will always consider a great blessing. To say Chuck was a great friend to so many people, doesn't come close to describing what his friendship meant to all of us, his love, care and desire to help when needed was truly amazing. Knowing he would always be there when needed, was a great comfort to all who knew him, at some of our darkest moments..*

As we reflect on what Chuck meant to all of us, and we mourn our loss, I have this image I would like to share, .

I see Chuck standing in front of God, with his unique smile, which we all know, humbly telling God he has been looking forward to meeting him, Chuck then asks God, how can I help ? God, smiling at Chuck, says welcome to your heavenly home Chuck, my true and faithful son . Job well done .

*Love you Chuck
Hank and Chris Preston*

Hank Preston - March 01, 2018 at 11:13 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.*



March 01, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.*



March 01, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ *Chuck was a very rare type of person. He truly cared about everyone that he met. He helped me through a very tough emotional event, even called my husband to explain the situation. When Chuck retired, it was very strange to not see him at DPT, his smile, that ever glowing twinkle in his eyes, the warmth surrounding his soul. I take comfort in knowing that Chuck is resting peacefully and his spirit will now brighten heaven as it did here on earth.
Forever in our hearts and thoughts.
Donna Martinez (DPT Labs)*



Donna Martinez - March 01, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.*



March 01, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ *Donna & Eddie Martinez purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.*



Donna & Eddie Martinez - March 01, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ *I'm sure all the drives are long and straight and every putt goes in now - I'll always be grateful Chuck.*

Your friend and 4040 roommate,

Eugene Ciolfi

DPT

2001 - 2016

Eugene Ciolfi - March 01, 2018 at 01:30 PM

BO

“ *Bicky O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald*



Bicky O'Neal - March 01, 2018 at 01:26 PM

BO

What a nice & thoughtful man. Always there if you needed him. Really missed him when he retired from DPT. My condolences and prayers to his family. Always in our hearts. Bicky O'Neal

Bicky O'Neal - March 01, 2018 at 01:32 PM

Kathy White

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to all of the Fitzgerald family. We both worked with Chuck for many years at Ethicon and shared lots of fun times with him. Rest In Peace Chuck!
Dana & Kathy White*

Kathy White - March 01, 2018 at 07:59 PM

EJ

“ *Eva Jowers lit a candle in memory of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald*



Eva Jowers - March 01, 2018 at 01:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.



March 01, 2018 at 01:03 PM



“ Paul & Martha Duesterhoft purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.



Paul & Martha Duesterhoft - March 01, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ My condolences to Chuck's family. Chuck always brighten up the room with his great smile. He was dearly missed when he retired from DPT and now will be forever remembered in our hearts and memories. Rest in Peace! - Yvonne Davila, San Antonio, TX

Yvonne Davila - March 01, 2018 at 12:14 PM



When I was working for The Department of Homeland Security at DFW International Airport as a supervisor on the security check points, Uncle Chuck came thru one day on one of his many travels all over the world. I told my officer's that I would take care of him.Lol When he recognized me, we both started laughing so hard. I know for sure that I missed a lot of the procedures for a complete body patdown. I will never forget that day, and certainly not that smile and laugh that we had that moment!! Love Y'all Uncle Chuck, Ted

Ted Jay Box - March 01, 2018 at 01:42 PM

DB

“ Danielle Byrnes lit a candle in memory of
Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald



Danielle Byrnes - March 01, 2018 at 12:12 PM

RM

“ Rosa McKinnon lit a candle in memory of
Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald



Rosa McKinnon - March 01, 2018 at 12:08 PM

DC

“ David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of
Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald



David and Jan Crow - March 01, 2018 at 11:46 AM

DT

“ Delores Toon lit a candle in memory of
Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald



delores toon - March 01, 2018 at 09:34 AM

MT

Mike and I will miss Chuck so much but he has a new heart and is running in heaven.

Mike & Delores Toon - March 01, 2018 at 09:37 AM

DB

“ *Dan & Lynne Burgess purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald.*



Dan & Lynne Burgess - March 01, 2018 at 08:14 AM

LT

“ *Mary Beth and Family, our prayers and love are with you at this time. Chuck is in GOOD health tonight! Our God gives us strength in the midst of our sorrows and difficulties. Ps. 46:1*

*Love you,
LaNell & Troy*

LaNell Toon - February 28, 2018 at 10:46 PM

JH

“ *Joel & Barbara Hale lit a candle in memory of Forrest Bettis "Chuck" Fitzgerald*



Joel & Barbara Hale - February 28, 2018 at 08:31 PM