



James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick

April 11, 1936 - February 20, 2024

James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick, 87, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at his home in Easton, Maryland on February 20, 2024.

Kevin was born on April 11, 1936 in Washington, DC the son of James and Julia Fitzpatrick who had earlier immigrated from Galway and Limerick, Ireland. He was the second of five children.

He was raised in Washington, DC and Silver Spring, MD and attended St. Gabriel's Catholic School and Gonzaga High School before graduating from Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, MD.

He attended Montgomery College and graduated from The American University in Washington, DC.

Kevin spent 3 years in the US ARMY serving proudly in Massachusetts and Alaska.

Kevin began his career in the federal government, working in the CIA and Pentagon during the Johnson and Nixon Administrations. He spent over 6 years working in the situation room of the White House before joining the Justice Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). While at the DEA he was instrumental in opening the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) and then he traveled and inspected DEA operations around the world.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Berit Fitzpatrick of 35 years, as well as four sons, Kevin Michael (wife, Cindy), Brian (wife, Ginger), Sean (wife, Jill), Brendan (wife, Eileen), three stepchildren Craig Connor (wife, Marina), Jennifer Connor (Earl Barber), and Natalie Perez (Iric Wexler) and 15

grandchildren. Caitlin, Maggie, Julia Cecile, Emma Kate, Eoin, Ryan, Brady, Kathleen, Julia Claire, Norah, Rebecca, Sofia, Isabella, Christian and Steven. Kevin is also survived by his sisters, Eileen Moore (husband, Wes) and Kathleen Daly (husband, Tim) and brother John Fitzpatrick and predeceased by his parents James and Julia Fitzpatrick and sister Mary Thompson.

After retiring in 1999 he spent 20 years in the Outer Banks of North Carolina and Stuart, Fl prior to returning to Maryland to settle in Easton.

Kevin loved watching sports, football, baseball, basketball and boxing and especially loved the Maryland "Terps". He also coached CYO basketball for his sons and enjoyed being involved in their sports and schooling. He was an avid reader of many varied topics and books and followed national and international affairs.

He was also an avid golfer during his years in the Outer Banks, had many friends, and was actively involved with the Knights of Columbus in Kitty Hawk, NC.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 11 am at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1210 S. Washington St., Easton, MD. Interment, with military honors, will follow at the Church columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution payable to the "Ryan Sean Fitzpatrick Special Needs Trust." Contributions can be mailed to Ryan Fitzpatrick, PO Box 1023, Mt. Airy, MD 21771.

Previous Events

Mass

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
1210 South Washington Street
Easton, MD

Burial with Military Honors

MAR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Cemetery and Columbarium
1214 S. Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601
<https://ssppcemetery.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 27, 2024 at 10:07 AM

RF

Rest in Peace Sir.

Ray Franklin - February 29, 2024 at 12:41 PM

TB

Kevin Fitzpatrick was my boss in DEA HQS/Dangerous Drugs Unit, from 1983-1985. He was like a father to me and was very kind and helpful in nurturing my career with his wise advice and guidance. He told lots of stories of his work and enjoyed working for DEA. May God Bless him and his family and may in Rest in Peace!

Theresa Benevides Blahato - February 29, 2024 at 01:19 PM

SA

*While never having the honor of meeting Kevin, I feel a great sense of kinship to the Fitzpatrick family. My dad, Jerry, passed away in January at 97. Like Kevin, my dad had 4 children, 3 of whom became DEA agents - me ASAC Chicago Ret.), my brother Marc (ASAC Lima), and my sister, Joelle (S/A Bogota). So I know that Kevin, even more so than my dad, having been an agent, had to have been proud beyond words to see Brian, Brendan and Sean follow in his footsteps. May God bless Kevin on his final journey and the entire Fitzpatrick family in this time of sadness and reflection on a great man.
-Scott Ando*

Scott Ando - February 29, 2024 at 01:26 PM

AJ

Kevin and I worked together in Hqs. and in EPIC until I transferred to Tucson, Az. And later I worked with his son Brian in the WDO. Kevin was a true friend!!! Rest in Peace my Friend!!!.

Adrianne L. Johnson

Adrianne L. Johnson - February 29, 2024 at 01:51 PM

BM

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of grief. Kevin and I worked together at DEA Hqs. Our paths many years later crossed again when we settled in same community in Easton Village. Kevin will be missed.

*Benny Mangor
Easton, MD*

Benny Mangor - February 29, 2024 at 04:15 PM

MR

We are so sorry to learn of Kevin's passing. We knew him in Florida and were next-door neighbors. We will miss him very much. He was a wonderful, caring, funny person. Rest in Peace, dear friend. Madeline and Des Reilly, Cape May , n..j.

madeline c reilly - March 01, 2024 at 08:07 AM

KF

Had the pleasure and honor of working with Kevin when I got to Inspections in 1997. He was always there with a helpful tip and a kind word to the new guys. Always felt a paternal presence from Kevin especially when he talked family and friends. My deepest condolences to the whole family. Kevin Foley.

Kevin Foley - March 05, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick.*



March 06, 2024 at 01:24 PM

DS

“ DEA Salisbury purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick.



DEA Salisbury - March 05, 2024 at 01:51 PM

DS

“ DEA Salisbury planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick.

DEA Salisbury - March 05, 2024 at 01:51 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick.



March 04, 2024 at 07:45 PM

DF

“ Dennis and Janis Fitzpatrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick.

Dennis and Janis Fitzpatrick - March 04, 2024 at 07:45 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick.



March 04, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ Sylvia & George Tennille planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick.

Sylvia & George Tennille - March 04, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ Remembering Kevin fondly from his “Sanderling Days”. Masses at Kevin and Betty’s home with Fr. Joey, dinner parties with Kevin entertaining us with his D.C. stories (Betty whipping everything together) but the best was Kevin arriving at the Sanderling gym. He’d get on an adjacent treadmill and the time would fly by while he gave me a running commentary on the world news. Kevin was a “stand up guy”. My condolences to the Fitzpatrick family especially Betty and his “boys”. Pat Oliver

Pat Oliver - March 02, 2024 at 10:17 PM



“ Sharyn a N. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick.

Sharyn a N. - March 01, 2024 at 04:56 AM

JM

“ Sorry for the loss, I worked at SOD with Brian. I can only imagine what a great guy his father was to raise such an incredible family with such integrity and strong family values. All the best during this time of sorrow. Jerry McArdle

Jerry McArdle - February 29, 2024 at 07:15 PM

SS

“ What good memories I have from working with Kevin in Inspection. There were lots of laughs and some tears but we were honest, fair and unbiased. My deepest sympathy to the family for your loss but may it comfort you to know that Heaven is surely a brighter place today. Sherri and Don Strange

Sherri F Strange - February 29, 2024 at 03:49 PM

DC

“ Kevin Fitzpatrick was a wonderful agent and a loyal friend and I'll always be grateful for his dedication to DEA and colleagues. My condolences to his family and friends who I am sure will miss him dearly. May he rest in peace. John Coleman

Dr. John J. Coleman - February 29, 2024 at 12:22 PM

MB

“ I will miss the memories of visiting with Betty and Kevin, with my husband and Kevin talking from morning till night. Not sure if they were listening to each other! Maureen and Joe Buckley

Maureen Buckley - February 24, 2024 at 06:23 PM

MO

“ John and I have and had fond memories of Kevin at Derby parties and talking about ND. I will miss him. Mary Oppelt.

Mary Oppelt - February 24, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick.*



February 23, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick.*



February 23, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ *The Searfoss Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Kevin Fitzpatrick.*

The Searfoss Family - February 23, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Kevin" Fitzpatrick.*



February 23, 2024 at 11:03 AM