



## Richard Keith Fitzwater

March 25, 1939 - November 19, 2019

Richard Keith “Keith” Fitzwater, 80, of Fairmont, entered into eternal life with the Lord on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at Fitzwater’s Gracious Living. Keith was born on March 25, 1939, in Worthington, a son of the late Otmer and Missouri Fitzwater.

Keith was the oldest of five siblings. He is survived by his sister, Karen Pausch, of Chesterland, Ohio; three brothers, Kenny Fitzwater, of Largo, Florida, Larry Fitzwater, of Worthington, and Don Fitzwater, of Fairmont, where Keith made his home for the last several years, after suffering a devastating stroke.

He graduated from Monongah High School in 1956 and afterwards moved to Ohio to start his career. He worked for Oberbeek & Cain, making hatch doors for submarines, until their closing; he later went to work for Taylor Chairs making furniture. Keith’s real passion was auto mechanics; he taught journeyman to prepare for their certification. He was a master mechanic. Keith loved working with his hands and worked hard to master every skill of his trade; his work ethic was undeniable, and even when the workday was done, he would return home eager to start a new project. He saw potential in things others saw worthless. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved the outdoors and his gardens. He was a perfectionist and if he couldn’t fix it, it could not be fixed. His word was his bond.

Keith leaves behind his four children: Brian Fitzwater and wife Dee, Keith Fitzwater “Little Fitz”, Danny Fitzwater and wife Chris, and his only daughter, Sharon Bish and husband, Gary. He also leaves behind ten grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Keith’s life is showcased by the words of Stephen Grelett: “I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

The family wishes to thank caregivers, Mike Morris, David Yoho, and Amedisys Hospice for their excellent care and support.

Family and friends may be received at Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant St., Fairmont, on Sunday from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m., with a Prayer Vigil at 6:00 p.m. with Sister Stella Cronauer CSJ, and on Monday from 10 a.m. until the service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 25, 2019, with Pastor Darren Alkire officiating. Interment will follow at Grandview Memorial Gardens.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Grandview Memorial Gardens**

Fairmont, WV, 26554

**NOV  
24**

**Visitation**

02:00PM - 06:00PM

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Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home

209 Merchant Street, Fairmont, WV, US, 26554

**NOV  
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**Vigil Service**

06:00PM

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Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home

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**NOV  
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**Visitation**

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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**NOV  
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**Service**

11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Don and family my deepest sympathies for you and the family. If he was as nice as you are, he must have been very special. Love and prayers. God be with you all.



**Ann Nuzum** - November 21, 2019 at 01:41 PM

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**dan Fitzwater** - November 21, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ Always had a smile on his face.

**Justin** - December 08, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ Trying to locate more of my family on my dad's side. LARRY FITZWATER is my Father although we are not close anyone who knows him should understand why. Keith and Karen and Donnie were always good to me and I feel horrible about Missing his funeral. But would like to meet my cousins Keith, Danny and Sharon.. Justin Fitzwater is my name I live in Marion county WV.

**Justin** - December 08, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ I am friends with Brian's wife Dee on Facebook. Trying to locate a few more family members.

**Justin** - December 08, 2019 at 04:43 PM

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**dan Fitzwater** - November 21, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ my daughter Paige and my grandson Blake hanging with dad

**dan Fitzwater** - November 21, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ He was definitely a wonderful man. I use to hunt with him on the farm years ago. I'm gonna miss him and feel so bad for missing his funeral.. Was a wonderful man father grandfather and uncle.

**Justin** - December 08, 2019 at 04:47 PM

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“ My fondest memories as a child was going to Keith's house in Ohio and play with my cousin's. Condolences to the family  
Ronald Eagle Jr

**Ronald Hqaero** - November 21, 2019 at 08:08 AM

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“ Shirley Salyers lit a candle in memory of Richard Keith Fitzwater



**Shirley Salyers** - November 20, 2019 at 03:06 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Marion County Senior Citizens.

**Vicki Nichols** - November 20, 2019 at 02:40 PM