



Richard James "Dick" Fitzpatrick

September 14, 1950 - March 16, 2024

Richard James "Dick" Fitzpatrick was born September 14, 1950, to John and Mary Lou Fitzpatrick. He came into this world with his twin brother Pat. Dick went to IC and Kennedy schools and graduated from Butte High in 1970. Dick started dating Danette in 1970, they were married in May of 1972. Like most Butte men, Dick was a hard worker. He first worked at his father's Fitz's 76 station and Staacks gas station. At age 13, he was the clean-up kid before his meat cutting apprenticeship at Excelsior Meats. He worked as a meat cutter from 1970 to 1991 at Excelsior Meats, Safeway, Pierce Packing, and Ranchland Meats. He then worked for the State of Montana Department of Livestock as a meat inspector throughout southwest Montana from 1991 until his retirement in December 2016.

Without a doubt, Dick's lifelong passion was serving his beloved community as a volunteer firefighter. He volunteered at five different fire departments beginning in 1972 and never stopped listening for the whistle or walkie talkie call. He started firefighting in the Walkerville Volunteer Fire Dept., then moved to Lost Creek where he and Jim Anderson started the Lost Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. Next, he was a volunteer at Boulevard and Big Butte Volunteer Fire Departments. His last volunteer fire fighting was with the Racetrack Volunteer Fire Department. He loved his time with RVFD. In fact, when buying a house on Grand Ave., he required that it be within 2 blocks of Racetrack. He loved being a firefighter and it took him a long time to finally physically retire. His turnouts were always ready. He brightened up when talking fires and kept in

touch with many of his RVFD friends until the end.

Dick was also a Scout Master for many years for Troop 15 molding many a scout and was very proud of his son earning Eagle Scout, as well as his brother Bill and nephew John James and Derek Harvey. Dick was very dedicated to the Butte community; he was an active member of Gold Hill Church and the Butte Furniture Bank. He could be counted as an annual volunteer and recruiting volunteers for the An Ri Ra and Montana Folk Festivals. Dick knew just about everyone and could be counted to help out. Dick is preceded in death by his parents John and Mary Lou Fitzpatrick; baby brother John; sisters Rose Fitzpatrick and Fran Haavisto; mother- and father-in-law Jim and Alice Harvey; sister-in-law Karen Fitzpatrick; brothers-in-law Wes Haavisto, Art James, Robert and James Harvey, Shawn Millar; nephew Ken Svejkovsky; and great nephew Justin Svejkovsky.

Dick is survived by his loving wife Danette, son Brad (Monica) and grandchildren Mary Jane and Rosalie Lillyblad; surviving Fitzpatrick clan includes sisters Katie James, Mary Lou Fitzpatrick, brothers Pat (Jan) and Bob, sisters Suzie (Mike) Hall, Liz Fitzpatrick, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Joani (Ed) O'Neill, and brother Bill (Barb). Surviving Harvey family members are brothers-in-law Frank (Raeleen) Harvey and Victor Harvey. Dick is also survived by a fondly adopted sister Candace Powell (Peter Eto) and his best friend Curt (Jeanette) Quist.

Dick's nieces and nephews all of who he dearly loved: Kip Svejkovsky (Laurie), Kerry Svejkovsky (Carrie), Tag Ng; John (Missy) James, Betty James, Tara (Bill) Sweet, Artie James, Mary James, Shannon Fitzpatrick (Dan Harrington), Dan (Terra) Fitzpatrick, Wade (Shaunda) Hall, Michael Hall, Breanna Hall (Steven Dobb), John Hall, EJ (Sam) Haavisto, Melissa Haavisto (Rich Anzik), Cory (Michelle) Harvey, Derek (Kayla) Harvey, Marissa (Shaun) Villa, Kane and Konnor O'Neill (Emily Vincent), Kelly Perusich (Kallie Robbins); Keanen, Cassie and Will Fitzpatrick.

Great nieces and nephews: Mandy Svejkovsky; Spenser, Claire, Elliot, Elyse Sweet; Daniel and Henry Harrington; Tresa and Kylee James; Haley

Woodard, Abby Dahl, Akaya Anzik; Karter and Kensi Hall; Brody and Tyler Fitzpatrick; Josie, Nora, and Alyse Harvey; Ella, Oliver, and Maverick Haavisto.

The service for Dick Fitzpatrick will be held Saturday April 13, 2024, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 10a.m., followed by a firetruck procession to Gold Hill Lutheran Church for a luncheon.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Butte Furniture Bank 2017 Harrison Ave. or Gold Hill Lutheran Church 934 Placer St.

Previous Events

Service

APR 13. 10:00 AM (MT)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
2300 Florence Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dick was a wonderful person. My prayers and sympathy to Danette, Bob and all the family.

Shelley Shea - April 14, 2024 at 09:12 AM

TY

“ Dick was always smiling and had a joyful soul. I was so grateful for the support from family after having my daughter and Dick traveled to Missoula to put her crib together. He always had a great sense of humor and a sweet tooth. Love and miss you ❤️❤️

Tamme Young - April 11, 2024 at 06:29 PM

RM

“ So sorry to hear about Dickie Fitz. He was our inspector at Nancy's Pasty Shop for many years. Always professional and all around great guy. God Bless his family. The Mclaughlins.

Ray Mclaughlin - March 27, 2024 at 04:44 PM

LH

“ Dick was a good and patient man. Thanks for helping teach my girl to drive, and for all you've done. You will be greatly missed. Love Lynne



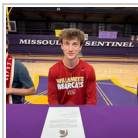
Lynne Harvey - March 26, 2024 at 11:33 AM

BM

“ *Fitzzy was one of the good ones. His years as a meat inspector will be remembered by many. Many condolences to his family.*



Bonnie M. - March 24, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ *Mary Lou, Liz, Shannon and the many Fitzpatrick families - I am so very sorry to read of Dick's passing.*
Charlene Conniston Warren 🍀

Charlene Warren - March 23, 2024 at 02:59 AM