



Leslie Theodore "Ted" Fitzgerald

May 23, 1926 - August 20, 2013

Leslie Theodore "Ted" Fitzgerald, 87, of Topeka KS died Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at Stormont Vail Hospital due to complications from pneumonia. He was born May 23, 1926, at the Fitzgerald Farm near Valencia, KS. Ted was the seventh of nine children born to Leslie Taylor Fitzgerald and Lydia Bertha (Kresie) Fitzgerald. He attended West Union Grade School, helped work the farm while his five remaining brothers were at war, graduating from Rossville High School in 1946. He enlisted in the US Navy for 4 years on July 31, 1946, serving on the USS Atlanta as FC3 and on the USS Kankakee. He re-enlisted in 1950 serving on the USS Iowa during the Korean War, earning the United Nations Service Medal and the Korean Service Ribbon with 1 battle star. He was honorably discharged on May 18, 1954. Ted was one of six sons to serve in WW II and the Korean War. He was a proud member of the VFW, American Legion, Moose Lodge, and Flint Hills Hunting and Fishing Club serving as Treasurer for many years. He married Rita Jean Smail in 1955 and they had four sons. They divorced in 1980. Ted learned the printer's trade from Mr. Smail and he worked for the State of Kansas Printing Plant from 1969 to 1988 when he retired. Ted enjoyed working on his farm near Valencia and restoring historical items. He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers, Robert, John, Clair, Taylor, and Calvin, and two sons Scott and Gary. Survivors include sons, David and his wife Debbie, John and his wife Angel of Topeka; brother, James and his wife Carolyn of Topeka; two sisters, Eleanor Vance of Woodland, CA and Betty Petersen of Concordia, MO; five

grandchildren, Stefani Moore, Robyn, Carly, Johnny and Jessica Fitzgerald of Topeka. Services will be held Monday, August 26, 2013, at 2 pm at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel followed by a wake at Skinny's Sports Pub in Gage Center. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association c/o Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. Online condolences may be left at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie Theodore "Ted" Fitzgerald*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *We are neighbors of Ted on Saline Street. We will miss saying hello to him here in the neighborhood. Our prayers are with you and yours.*

Bob and Marylee Hamilton - August 25, 2013 at 02:56 PM



“ *We have many wonderful memories of Ted and your family on Saline street. He and Jim both liked Barbara Streisand so there were many evenings when that is where they would sit--out in our family room listening to music. We are sending our thoughts and prayers to you and your families at this time.*

The Norris Family - August 25, 2013 at 11:45 AM



“ *My sympathies to Mr. Fitzgerald's Family. Prayers of Comfort To Each Of You.*

Cindy Raines-Duffy - August 24, 2013 at 09:05 PM