



Rawleigh Fred Fitzgerald, Sr.

July 13, 1924 - September 14, 2021

Rawleigh F. Fitzgerald, Sr. (Jack) of Washington, DC peacefully passed away on September 14, 2021 at Walter Reed Military Medical Center.

Rawleigh Fitzgerald was born in Danville, VA in 1924. He married Nannie B. Inge and they celebrated 50 years of marriage before she passed in 2000. This union produced seven children, Gail Sullivan, Judy Parker, Rashidah “Robin” Jones (David), Ivy Berry Gill, Rawleigh Fitzgerald, Jr. (Keisha), Kim Chambers and Toni Wimby (Eugene); 19 grandchildren: Robert, Brian, Jameela, Jahaan, Jibreel, Subhana, Sabriya, Sahrah, Shani, Kevin, Rashaun, Rashaad, Sky, Gerry, Shakima, Joseph, Jasmine, Eugene III and William; 9 great grandchildren: Idris, Abdulkareem, Nahi, Donovan, Kendl, Eden, Chandler, Rakyiah and Trinity.

Rawleigh Fitzgerald, Sr. is survived by his sister Amanda White, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors. He is predeceased by his wife Nannie B. Fitzgerald, his parents Sallie Fitzgerald and Jerry Fitzgerald, children Judy Parker and Rawleigh Fitzgerald, Jr; and granddaughter Jahaan Parker.

Rawleigh, affectionally known as “Jack”, and Nannie had a helpful heart when family members left Danville, VA for a better life and stopped by Jack and Nannie’s for little as overnight up to a year while finding their way. Rawleigh

joined the United States Army at 19 years old and served in World War II. He was the sole survivor of his platoon in Okinawa after a typhoon. The Lord had his hand on his life in the Army and throughout his 97 years. He was also in the U.S. Army reserve and retired as a Master Sargent. He held various positions at the CIA for over 20 years before retirement and would even drive a cab to supplement his growing family.

Rawleigh received his GED from Armstrong High School. He joined Redemption Chapter No. 24 in 1958. He was a member of the following organizations: Redemption Lodge No. 24, Prince Hall (PHA), DC; Grand Inspection General 32nd Degree Mason, Henderson Commandery No. 2 Knights Templar; Mecca Temple No. 10 and Imperial Council, A.E.A.O.N.M.S. where he served and attained the title of Honorary Past Imperial Potentate.

He was also a member of Holy Royal Arch Mason, P.H.A., and Redemption Chapter No. 14, Order of Easter Star, P.H.A., American Legion 275 and the NAACP. Rawleigh had a strong belief in the Lord. He was a member of Mount Paran Baptist Church. He was a member of the Men's Choir. He would frequently quote scriptures and break out in song to his family.

Leadership was his greatest quality. He and Nannie provided us with the greatest roadmap to follow. Rawleigh instilled in his children the importance of grades, education and home ownership. This emboldened his children to believe in themselves, so all obtained a college degree and became homeowners. We learned the meaning of hard work and how no one would respect you unless you first respected yourself.

Due to COVID restrictions, the funeral is limited to immediate family

Cemetery Details

Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - Prince George's County
4308 Suitland Road
Suitland, MD 20746
(301) 736-1616
info@marchfh.com
<https://www.marshallmarchfh.com>

Service

SEP **25.** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Mount Paran Baptist Church
6413 Old Alexandria Ferry Road
Clinton, MD 20735

Tribute Wall



“ *Mount Paran is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.*

Topic: Mr. Rawleigh Fitzgerald Homegoing Services

Time: Sep 25, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81755594507?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81755594507?pwd=YW1xbkFKamNZOXdQVW03Uis0L3lwdz09)

pwd=YW1xbkFKamNZOXdQVW03Uis0L3lwdz09

Meeting ID: 817 5559 4507

Passcode: 336044



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - September 22, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ *Rawleigh Fred Fitzgerald, Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

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“ *The Iconium Baptist Church is deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your precious family Patriarch. We extend love and condolences to the family and friends as well as family within our own congregation. May your hearts find comfort and peace in the knowledge that God is always with us. Rev. Dr. Randolph Fitzgerald, Pastor.*

elizabeth simpson - September 25, 2021 at 10:29 AM

MH

“ *To the family of Rawleigh (Jack) Fitzgerald, James and Mildred Hunt from Danville, Va send heartfelt condolence at this your hour of grief, knowing that your faith will sustain you in the days ahead.*

Mildred Hunt - September 24, 2021 at 10:44 AM

GW

“ To My Dear Friend Toni Fitzgerald Wimby
(Ree-Ree/Baby Girl), her Siblings and all of
the Fitzgerald Family!



THANK GOD and THANK YOU for allowing
me this Amazing over 40 years Blessed Journey with the Fitzgerald
Family.

Mr. Fitzgerald (Papa/Mr. Story Teller) was a One-of-A-Kind! He was
Intelligent, Proud, Stern and Loving, in such a gentlemanly kind of a
way. He was the "Epitome" of how you do life "Grand": (Love, Work
Hard, Be Kind, Stand up for what is Right, Help Others and Live
until you can't any longer).

Yep, A Master-Sargent in his own right!.....He Loved God, and
wasn't ashamed to proclaim it!.....During our many conversations,
he shared with me regarding the death of his Daughter Judy, Son
Rawleigh, Jr and Granddaughter Jahaan, "The LORD Never makes
a mistake".....and today I Rejoice in your resounding words to me!

So Papa, spend eternity in Heaven, and Dance with JESUS until I
get there, and then we'll pop our fingers to Quartet Music
FORVEVER!....

I'm praying that those of us still here on earth, will allow Proverbs
3:5-12 (Message Translation) to guide our hearts Forevermore.....

Trust God from the bottom of your heart;
don't try to figure out everything on your own.
Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;
he's the one who will keep you on track.
Don't assume that you know it all.
Run to God! Run from evil!
Your body will glow with health,
your very bones will vibrate with life!
Honor God with everything you own;
give him the first and the best.

*Your barns will burst,
your wine vats will brim over.
But don't, dear friend, resent God's discipline;
don't sulk under his loving correction.
It's the child he loves that God corrects;
a father's delight is behind all this.*

*Another one of your Adoptive Play Daughters
Gwen*

Gwendolyn Wade - September 23, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rawleigh Fred Fitzgerald, Sr..*



September 23, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Your WRNMMC OB/GYN family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Rawleigh Fred Fitzgerald, Sr..*



Your WRNMMC OB/GYN family - September 23, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rawleigh Fred Fitzgerald, Sr..*



September 22, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *Kerslyn Featherstone and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rawleigh Fred Fitzgerald, Sr..*



Kerslyn Featherstone and Family - September 22, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ *To the family and friends of Rawleigh Fred Fitzgerald Sr. We the Officers and Members of Redemption Lodge # 24 P.H.A.Washington D.C. extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to family and friends and pray that OUR HEAVENLY will Bless each and everyone of you in HIS own special way. Redmond Barnes W.M. Maurice T. Hutchins P.M {SEC.]*

Donald Harris - September 22, 2021 at 06:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rawleigh Fred Fitzgerald, Sr..*



September 22, 2021 at 01:50 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - September 20, 2021 at 09:59 AM