



Ben Fitzgerald

July 20, 1941 - December 3, 2010

SFC Ben Francis Fitzgerald, 69, born in Montalba, Texas resident of Malakoff, Texas formerly of Corsicana, Texas passed away Friday, December 3, 2010 at home with his family. Ben was born July 20, 1941 to the late Calvin Howard Fitzgerald and Sara Opal Kickhart Fitzgerald. He attended Palestine High School. After graduation he joined the U.S. Marine Corp for 4 years. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War retiring in 1979 after 16 years. Ben was a business owner, Fitzgerald Shell, Fitzgerald Trading Post "Home of the Screaming Eagle". After semi-retiring he worked for Mrs. Bairds part-time. After retirement he liked spending time with his family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Howard and Opal Fitzgerald his late wife Cecila Fitzgerald and his sister Ollie Fitzgerald. He is survived by: Kelly and Melissa Fitzgerald of Idalou, Texas, Andrea and Tony Gilfillan of Malakoff, Texas, Susan Fitzgerald and Amanda Fitzgerald both of Tyler, Texas; grandchildren - Jennafer and Thomas White, Anna Worley, Cheyenne and Jonathan Jock, Dakota Fitzgerald, Kathrine Price, Arron Bynum, Landon Frazier, Wyatt Fitzgerald and Christian Gilfillan. The family would like to include a special thanks to Cedar Lake Hospice and staff for all their support. Visitation will be Monday, December 6, 2010 at the Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Funeral service will be Tuesday, July 7th at the Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home chapel at 11:00 a.m., with Randall Evett officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be Randy Nanny, Todd Jones, Jay Hoover, Adam Mewbourn, Patrick May and Warren Loscuito. Burial will be in the Concord

Cemetery in Montalba, Texas with Military Honors.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ben Fitzgerald*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Gregory Preston Motley lit a candle in memory of Ben Fitzgerald*



Gregory Preston Motley - November 27, 2017 at 01:21 PM

GM

“ Not sure why today but sometimes you just let your mind wonder and you start to think about the past and the times in your life that you miss/was happy in (not that I'm not happy now) and the people that you don' have in your life anymore. Well that person for me is Mr Fitzgerald. Ben was truly a inspiration on my life. I worked for Ben for 2 years at the Trading post while I was finishing up high school. Ben was such a amazing person and I still miss him to this day. 8 Years later. He was much more than a boss, he was family and I'm so sorry he is gone. I don't have anything but fond memories of Ben at the store. Even the time I though this little hand held 3-4 inch pistol was a cigarette lighter.. nope a gun and I put a hole through the wall. Glad we was closed at the time hah. The first time I met Ben he was running the Shell store by the interstate and I was I don't know 5 -6 years old. I'm 36 now and I remember'd him from then as the funny guy that would tease me with my dads change after we made a purchase. It was just a small act of kindness but It always stuck with me and made me look forward to those Shell stops. I have a million of these little stories that would really show how amazing Ben was and how going from a family friend to a fatherly figure for me over the years. (this was harder to get through then I thought, all these feelings and memories) You know Ben cared for his family more than anything in the years that I knew him and I'm happy to think he felt of me in the same light as I he. To Andrea and Kelly, I want you to know how much he talked of you and worried for you both all the time when it was just us working. Just hope you can look on this one day in the future and know how much I cared and loved your father. I'm sorry I did not come to the funeral.. I just couldn't. I hope you both are doing well and moving forward.

Gregory Preston Motley

Gregory Preston Motley - November 27, 2017 at 09:31 AM

CJ

“ Ben was a great individual with a big heart, he will be missed greatly.

Charlotte & Dave Wills & Shirley Johnson - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I can't believe Ben's gone! I can still recall the days of seeing him at the Trading Post.... He always had a smile upon his face. He will be greatly missed and always remembered. God Bless you Ben and your family.

December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will always have fond childhood memories of Ben. He was a good friend to my brothers and I even thought of him as a brother growing up. We think of him often, he will be missed. Praying for peace and comfort for all of his family.

Norma Mullican (Waldon) - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Sorry to hear about Ben. He was a very good man and friend. I thought a lot of him.

W.H. Ward - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ To Ben's family, im soo sorry for your loss. Ben was a great man, and the most hardest worker i ever saw. May GOD be with you all during this time.

Donna Coker - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Ben was a childhood friend & then we grew up to be adults & remained friends. We will miss him greatly. Our thoughts & prayers are with his family during this time of loss.

Jerry Waldon - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Ben Fitzgerald

George - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Ben was a fine man. I always enjoyed visiting with him back in the days when I delivered soft drinks. He will be missed.

George Page - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Andrea & Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. He was a great man and I will always remember him and all the irritations we gave him and yet he still did anything we asked. He was the best and will be greatly missed. If you need anything just e-mail me and I will be there.

Tonya Doyle (Prewitt) - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ So very Sorry to all of you. Ben was one of a kind, and will be dearly missed by us all. We have loads of memories of Ben since we went to school with him all our life and Arvis, Larry, and Harold signed up for a tour in the Marines the same day. What an awesome 4 years. He was a true friend to all who entered his life. May God Bless him and you guys as well.

Arvis and Nell Waldon - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ kelly , sorry to hear about your dad.he was a great person, he liked everyone and was always willing to help everyone.he will be greatly missed.may god carry you and your family thur this hard time.

gary dowd - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To all the famiy, We are so sorry for your loss. Ben was such a good & caring man. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. May you find peace in God's love & wisdom.
I'm sorry we couldn't be with you for his memorial. But loving prayers & thoughts to you all.
Mike & Jeanne

Mike & Jeanne Middleton - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Andrea, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Suzan Jones - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ I am sorry to hear about Ben's passing. I have many fond memories of him when he ran Fitzgerald's Trading Post, and he was a very good man. Your family are in my prayers.

Emily Halley Rodenbeck - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ You need to talk to a couple bakerns in town who offer home equity loans, and also a mortgage broker or two. What you need to compare is which is cheaper over the time you expect to be paying. A typical first mortgage will have far more closing costs, but likely will have lower rates and easier qualifying. Depending on how much you owe to your sisters, and how much in payments you are willing to take on, you may need to do this to get a 30 year fixed rate at the lowest rates available. However, you might be able to find a 25 or 30 year fixed equity loan, with zero closing costs. Might be a slightly higher rate, but a good loan officer can show you the total cost over time and see which is better. Anything you can do to keep the term short will save you thousands in interest, so even taking a 20 year over a 25 or 30 year term is very cost-effective. Get out and shop. Talk to a few people. Find someone who is honest and upfront. Eventually you will find the right person to help you.

Sunday - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM