



## Mariann Theresa Fitzgerald

August 31, 1935 - June 3, 2025

Mariann Theresa Fitzgerald (nee Stilwell), an only child of Theresa and Bill Stilwell, was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 31, 1935, as part of an extended Irish Catholic family and community filled with cousins and music. Mariann was a good student and attended Webster College, meeting her lifelong friends Aimee Thompson and Shannon Kelly. Mariann met her beloved husband Robert (Bob) Fitzgerald, also a Chicago Irishman, in the 1950s and they remained happily married for 69 years. Mariann and Bob toured the United States together early in their marriage and soon thereafter raised 4 children of their own while Mariann continued to work as an Administrative Assistant (what used to be called a secretary) to executives in banks, insurance companies and for their successful family business, Selectra.

A funeral mass will be held on June 25th, 2025 at 11:00AM at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pulaski, TN

Mariann was an excellent cook. She loved dancing, music (especially opera), travel, books, and nature, which is fortunate since Mariann and her husband Bob operated a tree farm and later a B&B in nature-filled rural areas for much of their married life. Most of all, Mariann loved people. A devout Catholic and member of the Catholic Family Movement, Mariann and Bob opened their home to needy youth including fostering Henry Gaunard, a Cuban refugee.

Henry and his lovely wife Dorothy have remained close to Mariann and family and were loved dearly by Mariann. When she was able, Mariann delivered communion to those unable to attend Church, an activity she found deeply rewarding.

Mariann, at the age of 89, died peacefully at the Pulaski, Tennessee home she shared with her daughter (Shannon) and son-in-law (Greg), on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025. She is survived by her husband Robert and daughters Shannon and Kathleen, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews, who she loved dearly and was loved in return. She was preceded in death by sons Patrick and Michael. She will be missed by all those who knew her.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
100 Chapel Road  
Pulaski, TN 38478

# Tribute Wall

HG

“ *Mariann was a lovely, caring, kind person who put other's needs before her own. She was a good and supportive wife, mother and friend to many. Mariann was active in the Catholic Church and the communities in which she lived - always offering to lend a helping hand.*

*Mariann was a foster mother to me during my high school years. Many holidays and weekends were spent with the Fitzgerald family over the decades. Mariann's love, support, warmth and caring were a constant throughout my life. We will miss her dearly and cherish our many happy memories.*

*Our condolences to Bob, Shannon, Greg and Kathleen.*

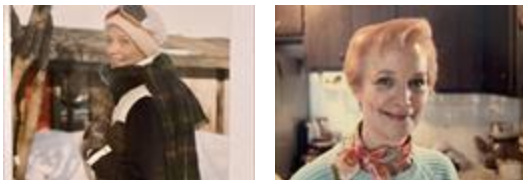
*Henry Gaunard and Dorothy Karr*

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**Henry Gaunard** - June 16, 2025 at 11:32 AM



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**Shannon Kildare** - June 12, 2025 at 12:14 PM



*My mom was a beautiful woman, flashing her trademark smile 😊  
Her character and kindness were the reason she was so popular, she truly had a genuine love for people.  
And was beloved in return.*

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**Shannon Kildare** - June 12, 2025 at 12:23 PM

SJ

*I can't wait to see Mamacita in all her youthful glory, Shannon*

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**Sharon Johnson** - June 12, 2025 at 10:44 PM

BW

*I called her Mrs Fitzgerald instead of Mariann No matter how many times she told me to call her Mariann. She was in my life my whole life. We lived kitty corner from the Fitzgerald family in Arlington Heights Il. until they moved to Crystal Lake. My parents were best of friends with Bob and Mariann. I was close with their kids. Shannon and I were friends, we were close in age and hung out together. We spent holidays together when I was very young. She was an excellent cook and baker 🍷 She was close to my heart. I visited them in Elizabeth, Apple River, Huntsville and Pulaski. She was kind, loving, pleasant, she was beautiful inside and out. I'm going to miss her surprise calls and humor. She made me smile and laugh. I was so lucky to have had her in my life all these years. May she rest in Peace. My condolences to all of the family, Bob, Shannon, Greg, and Kathleen.*

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**Beth Williams** - June 13, 2025 at 02:41 PM

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*Beautiful Mariann, was a kind gentle person that made me feel welcome and loved the first time I meet her a couple years ago. I truly feel privileged to have met her and to spend time with her at her precious daughter Shannon and Gregg home. They arranged their home just to suit their beautiful mother for her comfort. She was so appreciative and told me often how comfortable and happy she was there with her daughter. We all would be blessed to have the type of gentleness and appreciation her calm demeanor showed. I look forward to seeing her again. Healthy and strong.*

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**Amy Moore** - June 18, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ *Mariann and my Aunt Aimee were life long friends. We all met when the 6 Fitzgeralds joined the 13 Thompsons in Gulf Shores Alabama. We had a very memorable vacation that we all treasured. I was blessed to reconnect with Shannon and Mariann a few years ago and was so sad to hear of Mariann's passing. I was looking for photos from that childhood vacation, but only found these that I hope were okay to share. We will always treasure the memories.*



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**Aimee Anderson** - June 11, 2025 at 05:34 PM



*Thank you Lil Aimee!  
I love the photo from when mom went to see Big Aimee in Colorado.....Mariann among the columbines ☐*

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**Shannon Kildare** - June 12, 2025 at 02:09 PM