

OBITUARY



J. Gerald Fitzgibbon, 78, of Hackettstown, New Jersey, beloved husband of Nancy Goldblatt Fitzgibbon for 46 years, died peacefully Thursday, March 7, 2015 at home. Gerald, son of the late Walter J. Fitzgibbon and Kathryn Moylan Fitzgibbon, was born in Hartford, CT on March 1, 1937. Gerald was a graduate of Bulkeley High School in Hartford, CT and Boston College. He spent his junior year at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. After graduation, he taught English in New England and abroad. He served as an Education Specialist at the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, DC. He was later Director of the Office of Model Cities and Assistant Director of Planning for the New Jersey Department of Education in Trenton. He received a Doctorate in Education from [Harvard University](#) in 1969. He held several positions in school administration, including superintendencies in Leonia, NJ; Sewanhaka school district Elmont, NY; Manchester, CT; and Hackettstown, NJ. Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Ellen, of Philadelphia, PA; a daughter, Anne, of New York City; a daughter, Kate Callihan, and her husband, Patrick Callihan, of Landenberg, PA; a granddaughter, Meghan Callihan; a sister, Maureen McGarvey, and her husband, Joseph, of Glenview, IL; a sister, Claire Kaufman Maloney, of Wethersfield, CT; a sister, Joan Spargo, of Aurora, IL; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be Thursday, March 12th at 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mountain Church in Long Valley, NJ. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, March 12th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St. Hackettstown, NJ. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Gerald's name to Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Avenue, New York, NY 10065, Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 20297-0303, or other charities

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