



## Helen Margaret Fitz

April 11, 1945 - October 6, 2022

Helen Margaret Fitz April 11, 1945 - October 6, 2022 It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Helen Margaret Fitz, 77, currently of Sugar Island, Michigan (but she lived in many states and countries). She passed peacefully with her loved ones on October 6, 2022 at 12:45 pm after a long battle with cancer.

Helen was born to Manford and Dorothy Kirton on April 11, 1945. Helen met the man of her dreams, David LeRoy Fitz, Sr, when she was a junior at Grandville High School. Helen and David were wed on February 8, 1964. Her and David travelled the world due to their service to the United States Air Force.

Helen loved cooking big meals and feeding people. She enjoyed baking cookies and having cocktails with friends and loved ones. She was incredibly creative and loved making gifts for people. She also loved quilting. Her favorite past time was spending time with her husband fishing and often out-fished him.

Helen was a business woman and was VP of Warren Schools Credit Union in Warren, Michigan when she retired. She went back to work for St. Scholastica Academy, an all girls international boarding school in Canon City, Colorado as the Director of Development. After her second retirement, she spent time volunteering for Hospice in Penrose, Colorado.

Her love for family was deep and felt by any who met her. She always had the words to help with any situation. She always encouraged her family to be the

best version of themselves. She was always there with an ear and had many one liners that reminded us how to handle things such as "God never gives you more than you can handle", "Inch by inch it's a cinch", "You have to work at marriage every day". The last one was something she truly believed in and that is evident by the fact that her and David remained a couple and very much in love for almost 60 years. She was the glue that kept us all together. She was a pillar of our family and embraced opportunities to spend time with us. If there was any contention, she was the peacekeeper, counselor, and advice giver. She believed in the bonds of family and was always ready with a hug.

Helen is survived by her husband, partner in crime, and love of her life; David and their three children; David L. Fitz, Jr. and his wife, Jan M. Fitz, James A. Fitz, Sr. and his wife, Kelley A. Fitz, and Rebecca A. Randazzo and her husband, Joseph S. Randazzo. Her grandchildren; Nathan D. Fitz, Ryan A. Fitz, Kelsey A. Grove Cassandra M. Christensen, Jacqueline M. Holt, James A. Fitz, Jr., Dillon R. Fitz, Jonathan D. Clement, Britney L. Clement, Dani K. Korcal, Lukas R. Randazzo, her 16 great-grandchildren, her sister Jeanette Tinker and her family, and her brother Terry Kirton and his family.

Please join us in celebration of Helen's life at the Christopher Columbus Hall at 201 Sheridan Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, MI on October 22, 2022 from 2-5 pm. Please dress in bright colors as that is what she would want.

In Lieu of flowers, please donate to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation at [www.BCRF.org](http://www.BCRF.org) or mail to 28 West 44th Street, Suite 609, New York, New York 10036 or call 646-497-2600

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sympathies to you James, Kelly and family.  
Pamela*

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**Pamela Sengpiel** - October 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Sending love and prayers for the whole family. Helen and I were friends many years ago in Oscoda, Mi. I just talked to her on the phone about a month ago. She always had a smile in her voice and on her face. May God give you all peace knowing she has now become your guardian angel. God Bless. Rosemary Martens*

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**Rosemary Martens** - October 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My deepest condolences, we loved Helen and knew she was very sick. My heart goes out to Dave and the family.*

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**Kathy Noble** - October 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *My condolences to the Fritz family. She was a sweet lady. Hugs next time I see any of you at Tractor Supply.*

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**Sheryl RUNKLE** - October 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our deepest condolences to the entire family. I have so many memories from growing up in Alaska with the Fitz's and Helen was always front and center. Our families have been apart for many years, but I frequently look back on our years as Air Force family, camping, fishing, football (Helen was the cheerleading coach), holidays shared, and so many more times we spent together. My prayers are with you for comfort during this most difficult time.*

*Lots of Love too you all,*  
*Kelly Ritterbush (Shelton)*



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**Kelly Ritterbush** - October 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM