



Alan Fitz

August 20, 1929 - November 30, 2017

Alan Fitz, 88, of Iowa Falls, passed away Thursday, November 30, 2017 at the Heritage Care Center. A Celebration of Life service will be 10:30 am Thursday, December 7, 2017 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Iowa Falls. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm on Wednesday, December 6 at the Woodley Funeral Home. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for the family.

Earle Alan Fitz was born on August 20, 1929 in Iowa Falls, Iowa to Earle Lincoln and Evelyn (Oleson) Fitz. During the early years, Alan spent much of his life traveling the United States with his parents as his father was a salesman for the John C. Winston Publishing Company of Philadelphia, PA. By the time he had reached his 5th birthday Alan had been to 48 states. He was home schooled until the 7th grade. World War II's shortage of gas and tires found them off the road and the family settled in Grand Island, NE where his father worked in the ammunitions plant and Alan entered public school. After the war, they returned to Iowa Falls where Alan graduated high school with the class of 1948 and Ellsworth Community College in 1950. He attended Iowa State University until joining the U.S. Air Force and served for 3.5 years at Sheppard Field in Wichita Falls, Texas, teaching jet and reciprocating engine courses.

On June 29, 1957 Alan was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart,

Ida Grace Nissly at the First Congregational Church in Iowa Falls. Following his discharge from the service the couple returned to the family farm where they raised their three children, crops, hogs, cattle and a few dogs. His later 25 years were spent as Vice President of Riverside Book and Bible, a company that Alan and his father started in the mid 1960's. After the sale of the company in 1988 he and Ida retired in Florida.

Alan Fitz is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ida Fitz of Iowa Falls, Iowa; his daughters, Susan Fitz of Iowa Falls, Iowa and Sally Fitz of Iowa Falls, Iowa; grandchildren, Katie Manning of Birmingham, AL, Georgia (Andrew) Howard of Los Gatos, CA, Jesse (Jazlyn) Fitz of Des Moines, IA, Amy (Justin) Ites of Alden, IA, Melissa Schutt of Des Moines, IA and Laura Fitz of Xieman, China; great-grandchildren: Alex and Caden Manning, Hunter, Jack and Abigail Ites, Evelyn, Olive, Grant and Jack Howard, Jacob Sly, Sam, Iris and Eliza Fitz, a half brother, Aaron Fitz of Des Moines, Iowa and a half sister, Emily Fitz of Mexico City, Mexico. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, George Bradley Fitz.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Iowa Falls - Woodley Funeral Home
516 S. Oak Street
Iowa Falls, IA 50126
(641) 648-7700

Celebration

DEC 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ
520 College Avenue
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Tribute Wall



“ 74 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - December 06, 2017 at 09:41 AM

JB

“ We are so sorry to hear of Alan's passing. We have so many memories of Alan's captain abilities on the Iowa River. (Wish we had a picture of Alan and Jim's tandem boat driving act at the ski show.) Fun times. Condolences to Ida and the entire Fitz family. Jim and Judy Barhite

Judy and Jim Barhite - December 05, 2017 at 10:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alan Fitz.



December 05, 2017 at 09:24 AM

SC

“ Scott, Alex and Caden purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Alan Fitz.



Scott, Alex and Caden - December 04, 2017 at 11:00 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Alan Fitz.



December 03, 2017 at 08:01 PM

TP

“ Terry J Peyton lit a candle in memory of Alan Fitz

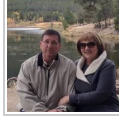


Terry J Peyton - December 03, 2017 at 01:06 AM

MR

Alan gave my first real job at the Riverside Book and Bible on the east side, went to school with his daughter Sally ,what a great man and husband and father ,good memories.

Marie Rameyer - December 03, 2017 at 09:01 AM



Alan was my idol when growing up in Iowa Falls. Cool cars, great dogs, tractors, boats, and even an airplane, all you could ever ask for in life it seems. He was kind, generous, and had a razor sharp wit. Sue worked for Alan and she still tells great stories of those days at Riverside with Alan and Ida.

Bob and Sue Ford

Bob Ford - December 05, 2017 at 10:11 PM

KW

*“ I have so many wonderful memories of Alan, and the whole Fitz family! Ah yes, summer days on the river!
With love, Kate Foster Wolf*

Kate Foster Wolf - December 02, 2017 at 10:37 PM

LW

“ So sorry of your loss. Alan was a GREAT man, father, grandfather and a BOSS.I have many many many memorable memories of this man. He was the first boss I ever had that looked out for service people. He'll always have that special place in our hearts for those of us that had the chance to know and work with him. Larry Willms

Larry Willms - December 02, 2017 at 01:45 PM

DJ

*“ My prayers are with all of the Fitz family. Alan and Earl taught a lot of us how to water ski when we were young and many of us spent almost every summer day, on the river, at Fitz's Landing. It was a wonderful way to grow up. He was great influence in many lives.
RIP Alan.*

DuWayne Wessels, Jr. - December 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KR

An Iowa False icon! I was lucky enough to work for and be friends with Alan and the Fitz family. He always made me smile!! I'm heart goes out to everyone that loved Alan! I'm so sorry !!

Kim Rieber - December 02, 2017 at 08:33 AM

BK

“ *Hugs and prayers for peace to the Fitz Family. So sorry for your loss. Becky (Harty) Koenen*

Becky (Harty) Koenen - December 01, 2017 at 10:23 PM

AS

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Anne Stevens - December 01, 2017 at 09:10 PM

JC

“ *Sorry for your loss he will be greatly missed. I remember him at Riverside Book & Bible those good old days !!!!! Little Cottage Grove Judy Lee Chaplin*

Judy Chaplin - December 01, 2017 at 08:21 PM

DR

“ *Thinking of all of you in the loss of a loving husband, father, grandfather , great grand father and friend to many. May God help you find peace in the wonderful memories. John and Donna Robbins*

Donna John Robbins - December 01, 2017 at 07:58 PM

JL

“ *My dear neighbor. Rest in peace. Love and hugs to all the family.*

Jo LaMar - December 01, 2017 at 06:12 PM