



## Butch Fitzsimmons

February 27, 1948 - December 24, 2024

Richard “Butch” Fitzsimmons, 76, of rural Davis County, Iowa passed away on December 24, 2024 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on February 27, 1948 in Ottumwa, Iowa to Charles and Bertha Kathleen “Kate” Utterback Fitzsimmons. He served in the Vietnam War from January 10, 1968 to August 13, 1969 as an E5 Sergeant, earning high honors with a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. On June 30, 1979 he married Cathy Benge.

Butch worked for Rockwell International for 32 years before retiring in 1997. He did not stay retired long and went to work at Barker’s in Keosauqua after a week and stayed on there until 2015 when he officially retired. Butch enjoyed working and staying busy. He also raised some cattle and farmed some hay. He was a “Jack of all Trades” and was always willing to help anyone that needed it. He enjoyed spending time with his family and hunting. Butch will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy Fitzsimmons; children, Chris (Jeannine) Benge, Corey Mathews, Mindy (Derek) Haynes, Tom (Jennifer) Fitzsimmons, Chad (Angie) Mathews; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and siblings, Delorris Lanman, Kenneth Fitzsimmons, Beverly Roberts, Drucilla Chickering, and Dean (Betty) Fitzsimmons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Etta Mae Evans,

George Fitzsimmons, Chuck Fitzsimmons and Bob Fitzsimmons.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at the Floris Cemetery. A memorial has been established to EveryStep Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Florin Cemetery

Florin, IA

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Florin Cemetery  
Florin, IA

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Millennium Concrete purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Butch Fitzsimmons.



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Millennium Concrete - January 06, 2025 at 10:52 AM

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“ Millennium Concrete planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Butch Fitzsimmons.

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“ I enjoyed working with Butch at Barker's. He was always such a nice guy to visit with. RIP Butch!! Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏🙏🙏

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Rick Singley - December 27, 2024 at 10:52 AM