



# Fitzgerald Dennis

October 22, 1943 - August 8, 2024

## Fitzgerald Dennis Life Story

Fitzgerald Dennis was born on October 22, 1943 in St. Elizabeth Jamaica, West Indies.

He would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 5 children born to Kenneth and Rose Dennis. After spending his

earliest years in Jamaica, he immigrated to England in 1956 and attended Sturgess

Secondary Modern School. After graduating, he worked as an apprentice at Rowditch

Engineering in Derby, England. As a young man in 1965, he moved to the US and

attended Manhattan Technical School where he studied machine design and mechanical drafting. Also in 1965 he married Maise (nee Ephraim) and from this union

his first daughter Sabina was born.

Later he would work at S&S Corrugated as a mechanical drafter and expeditor. Then in

1970 he married Vilma (nee Myers) and had two daughters, Charline and

Julie. A few years later in 1974, he became a US citizen. He later went on to work as a piping design for Dave Livsey Construction company at the Crystal River Nuclear Plant in Florida. During this period he lived with his family in Ocala, Florida and attended the Shiloh SDA Church there.

Fitzgerald's employment would take him and his family all over the USA. He relocated to Charlotte, NC and worked for JA Jones Corporate as a senior estimator and field construction manager. He later went to work for Anheuser Busch in field construction management and cooperate engineering in Columbus, Ohio; Syracuse, New York; Houston, Texas; Old Bridge, New Jersey; and St. Louis, Missouri.

He eventually returned to Florida in 2002 to enjoy his retirement years in Gainesville where he would be closer to family and friends. When he returned to Florida he joined the Bethel SDA church. Fitzgerald was passionate about church ministry, mainly the Harvest Ingathering and the Missionary Volunteers Society which is now known as Adventist Youth Society. He was firmly rooted and grounded in his commitment to our Savior Jesus Christ. From a young age, his parents had instilled in him and many other

young people the need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In addition to church service, he spent his retirement years traveling the globe with his family and friends. He enjoyed keeping up with the latest happenings in American politics and was an excellent domino player. He battled for 6 months with his wife Vilma supporting him every step of the way. His final days were spent surrounded by his loving wife and daughters, along with several other family members and friends.

Fitzgerald was preceded in death by his parents Kenneth and Rose and his older brother Keith.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Vilma, his three daughters, Sabina, Charline (Albert) and Julie (Evon), four grandchildren Asia, Desean, Olivia and Ivana, sisters, Sonia (Ronald) Ruth, Pauline (George), sisters-in law Iralyn and Jule, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church families.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 18. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Ocala Shiloh Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
500 SW 17th Ave  
Ocala, FL 34471

## Celebration of Life Service

AUG 18. 9:45 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Ocala Shiloh Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
500 SW 17th Ave  
Ocala, FL 34471

## Burial Service

AUG 18. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens  
5050 SW 20th Street  
Ocala, FL 34474

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Michelle S. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fitzgerald Dennis.

Michelle S. - August 18, 2024 at 02:49 PM

RK

“ Fitz led the difficult brewing area of a very important expansion. Outside of work he and Vilma showed us all the best parents could be. We miss him very much.

Roger King - August 17, 2024 at 10:25 PM

PC

“ My heart is heavy as I say goodbye to my dear brother. His warmth and love touched everyone around him, and his absence leaves a void that words can't fill. I will always carry his memory with me, and his spirit will live on in the stories we shared, the council he provided, love he gave to me and my daughters Alex, Sam and Jessi. We all are looking forward to seeing you on that great getting up morning!!!! I love you always. Your sister Pauline Cooke

Pauline Cooke - August 16, 2024 at 08:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fitzgerald Dennis.



August 15, 2024 at 05:30 PM

AA

“ Loyal friend, hard worker, dependable subordinate, and a man who carried himself with grace and dignity in all things. Fitz, you will be missed until we meet again in the great beyond.

AI Aikman - August 14, 2024 at 03:23 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Fitzgerald Dennis.



August 11, 2024 at 02:17 PM

JF

“ John, Kelli, Tiffany & Sean Forsythe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fitzgerald Dennis.

John, Kelli, Tiffany & Sean Forsythe - August 11, 2024 at 02:17 PM