



Mr. Larry Darnell Fitzgerald Sr

June 10, 1954 - June 1, 2026

Larry Fitzgerald, known to those who loved him as "The Original", was a longtime resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota who passed away on June 1, 2026. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Sally Fitzgerald, his brothers Michael and Robert Fitzgerald Jr., and his first wife Carol Fitzgerald.

Larry Sr. was a journalist in the truest sense. He owned the National Programming Network where he thrived covering sports across the Twin Cities and around the country, bringing fairness, passion and integrity to everything he touched. He was tough but fair, demanding but equally gracious, and always there when his family needed him most.

He is survived by his sister Marilyn and brother Ephriam Fitzgerald, his wife Sharrie Warner Fitzgerald, his daughter Ikella Menelik, his sons Larry Fitzgerald Jr. and Marcus Fitzgerald, and his five grandsons Devin, Jaylen, Apollo, Milos and Prince.

The world was better with Larry Fitzgerald Sr. in it.

Cemetery Details

St Mary's Cemetery

4403 Chicago Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Previous Events

Wake

JUN 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Estes Funeral Chapel
2201 Plymouth Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411
(612) 521-6744
<https://estesfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Park Avenue United Methodist Church
3400 Park Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Tribute Wall

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“*Larry Fitzgerald, Sr. is a true pioneer in life, and journalism. Many young journalist have been blessed by his INROADS into the field. A man with a gentle heart, a soft spoken word of kindness, and integrity in his writings, and productions, has blessed the multitudes. Even though our hearts are filled with his kindness and generosity, we will miss his man of excellence presence. I can recall after relocating, a family member in Minneapolis needed a blessing that only he could give, and when I called him, without hesitation, he made it happen. We are eternally grateful for the blessing. Our family member Larry helped, a young lady, and she just recently received her Masters from the University of Wisconsin. Truly a legacy of Love. In the play Hamilton, there is a quoted that I love concerning those who plant seeds, because of the love in their hearts: "Legacy. What is a legacy? It's planting seeds in a garden you never get to see." I thank God for Larry's legacies, from seeds he has planted from his heart, which will continue to bear fruit in the earth. REST IN PEACE, REST IN PEACE...*

We are praying for Love, Peace, Strength, and Comfort for the Fitzgerald family, as well as, all of the multitude of friends of Larry, Sr.

Blessing and Love,

Rev. Dr. Jerrod M. Smith, Esq., Aretha Smith, and Family

Rev. Dr. Jerrod M. Smith, Esq. - June 13 at 10:20 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Larry Darnell Fitzgerald Sr.



June 08 at 01:27 PM



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June 08 at 12:02 PM



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June 08 at 09:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Larry Darnell Fitzgerald Sr.

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“ Tracy Perlman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Larry Darnell Fitzgerald Sr.



Tracy Perlman - June 07 at 06:51 AM

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“ So many memories...Super Bowl XXIX in Miami. In the rental car lost. Larry flags down a guy for directions but he doesn't speak English. Larry said, "How do you get to the stadium?" The guy said, "836!" For the next decade, Larry & I started our calls with the cry, "836!"
Gonna miss you, Big Fella!!!

Eric Pate - June 06 at 10:15 PM