

# IN MEMORIAM

**BILL FITZGERALD**, a retired field representative of the national AFL-CIO, died peacefully of age-related causes at his home in Tualatin, Oregon, on Dec. 23. He was 86.



Fitzgerald worked in the garment industry, where he became involved in the labor movement. In 1963, he became a field representative for the national AFL-CIO. During his 20-year career he helped organize union campaigns throughout the Pacific Northwest, Montana and California, and lobbied the Oregon Legislature on behalf of organized labor.

**WILLIAM EBERHART FITZGERALD** was born the youngest of four children on June 30, 1926, in Vernonia, Oregon. The family later moved to Forest Grove, where Fitzgerald was a star athlete on the high school football, basketball and baseball teams.

During World War II, Fitzgerald served as a paratrooper with the 11th Airborne Division and took part in the 1945 invasion and liberation of the Philippines and subsequent occupation of Japan and Okinawa.

He married his first wife, Nova, in 1946. They had a daughter, son and two children adopted from Korea. Their son, Randy, died of pneumonia at the age of two. The family moved to Canby in 1960. The marriage ended in divorce in 1973. In 1974, Fitzgerald married Mary Louise (Maria) Albi. That marriage ended in divorce in 1994. In 1995, he married Eleanor

Hulsman (Hermens), his high school sweetheart.

Fitzgerald is survived by his wife; daughters Sheree Fitzgerald of Mililani, Hawaii, and Denise Camus of Sun City, Ariz.; stepdaughter Giuliana Albi of Valencia, Calif.; son Bud Fitzgerald of Eugene; and eight grandchildren.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Hilltop Methodist Church or Kiwanis Kids Camp.



**RICHARD MARTIN**, a 38-year member of Machinists Lodge 63, passed away Dec. 8 after a long battle with cancer. He was 64.

Martin joined the Machinists Union in October 1974, completing his apprenticeship training at Bingham-Willamette.

Martin was hired at Boeing of Portland in 1985. He was working as a program coordinator for the IAM/Boeing Joint Programs at the time of his death.

Martin served Lodge 63 as its recording secretary for more than 20 years and was a volunteer for many charity activities.

**RICHARD JAY MARTIN** was born July 17, 1948, in Dell Rapids, South Dakota. He lived in New Castle, Wyoming, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota, before settling in Portland.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1968 to 1971.

Martin is survived by his wife Sheryl; daughter Shelley Heidegger; sons Patrick and Brian; 5 grandchildren; mother, Sally Giacchero; a sister; two brothers; and several in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service was held Dec. 20 at the Family Worship Center, Gresham, Oregon.

## Newberg employees form AFSCME local

Public works employees at the City of Newberg overwhelmingly ratified their first contract. The 30 employees are members of Oregon AFSCME Local 1569.

Oregon AFSCME Council 75 Staff Representative Justin St. James said highlights of the two-year agreement include just-cause and a fair grievance procedure, neither of which existed in the city previously; no changes in health care, retirement or deferred compensation plans; the unfreezing of

salary steps; and cost-of-living increases of 2.5 percent the first year and 2 percent plus a cash bonus in the second year of the contract.

"For a first contract campaign, the local showed enormous solidarity and supported the bargaining team at every turn," St. James said.

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