



Robert Lee Fitzhugh

October 31, 1941 - January 27, 2019

In lieu of flowers, family would prefer memorials be made to Texas Baptist Men.

Robert Lee Fitzhugh of Waxahachie, Texas was born October 31, 1941 in Dallas, Texas to Johnnie Lee & Nellie Elizabeth (Martin) Fitzhugh. He passed from this life on January 27, 2019.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Donald E. Fitzhugh.

He is survived by wife Katherine (Hagard) Fitzhugh; son Jeff Fitzhugh, wife Angela & children Elizabeth, Ezekiel, and Eli; daughter Allison Douthit, husband Danny & children Bryson, Brenna, and Brooke; grandchildren Wesley Jamison, Wyatt Jamison, Aerek Stirrat, Ella Stirrat, Trey House, Riley House, Rosalie House, Samuel House, Willow Stirrat, Bella Asmus.

Robert graduated from Lancaster High School in 1960. He attended Baylor University and Louisiana College. Robert came back to his home town and taught for many years at Lancaster High School.

After retiring from teaching, he worked for the Texas Handgun Academy and Simmons Security.

Robert enjoyed spending time outdoors. He always looked forward to the next canoeing, backpacking or camping trip. He touched many lives through the Royal Ambassador program.

In later years, he enjoyed working on the farm and spending time with his grandchildren.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
305 E. Third
Lancaster, TX 75146

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Johnny And Becky Rogers lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Fitzhugh



Johnny and Becky Rogers - April 14, 2022 at 06:57 PM

DW

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family of a wonderful teacher who influenced so many students in a positive way. Thank you for sharing him with all of us - LHS 78.



Donna Wall - February 23, 2019 at 09:55 PM



“ *Mr. Fitzhugh was by far the most influential person of my young life. He was my teacher both inside and outside class. He passed on so many skills in RA's through the church and seemed to be insightful knowing what I would do before I did it. After high school he allowed me to roommate with him for 6 months in Red Oak while I was deciding to stay or move north to Dallas which was my choice. I went back to Lancaster several times to visit after that and always looked forward to seeing Bob! And every time I approached his classroom he would introduce me with the large smile on his face and it was like no time had passed. He will be tremendously missed And if his son Jeff reads this please contact me as I would like to catch up! Prayers for the family and again Mr. Fitzhugh Thank you for your loyal service and friendship! Chris Calvary*



Chris Calvary - February 22, 2019 at 01:58 AM

AB

“ *Al & Sandra Bruce lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Fitzhugh*



Al & Sandra Bruce - February 02, 2019 at 12:35 PM

GW

“ *Bobby will be missed by his family and friends.*



Glenda Sue Westbrook - February 02, 2019 at 07:57 AM

VW

“ *He was a great man. And will be truly miss.*



Viola Whatley - February 01, 2019 at 07:17 PM

JT

“ *So many great memories of Mr. Fitzhugh. Camping at Mt. Lebanon, rock climbing in Oklahoma, R.A. state meets in Waco. One of those memories is Mr. Fitzhugh crawling on his knees with a hatchet trying to catch a copperhead that had been curled up on my tent flap. He was yelling at us to shine our flashlights in the brush since it was getting dark! He caught the snake and cooked it for dinner! He had incredible patience with an extremely challenging group of teenage boys and always made time to listen to us and ended up teaching us life skills that we didn't realize we were learning. He was a natural leader and taught us what it meant to be followers of Christ through his actions. My greatest sympathies to Jeff, Allison and their families.*

Jason Toon

Jason Toon - January 31, 2019 at 11:26 PM

D1

“ *This amazing man touched so many lives and was a great teacher. My deepest sympathy to his family. You will be rembered for the impact you made on us all..Rest in Peace Mr. Fitzhugh*

Debbie Horn Frazier Class of 1975 - January 31, 2019 at 01:45 AM

AB

“ Enough can't be said about the influence Mr. Fitzhugh had on my life. First time I met him was in 3rd grade just after moving to Lancaster. I can remember going with a friend to RA's and thinking who is this crazy but awesome man? I was fortunate to grow up in a great program at church that was lead by him and several other really great men. The camping trips, fishing trips, summer camps, and competitions we went to with him will never be forgotten. I was also blessed to have him in several courses throughout high school. He was a true outdoorsman, leader, comedian, jack of all trades and a great friend. I will miss him so and am glad to pass down what he taught me and so many others to my own kids. A true legend in my mind. Via con dios mi amigo. Fly high and we will see you on the other side.

Aaron Boyce

Aaron Boyce - January 31, 2019 at 12:27 AM

 Nadine Willis

“ I had Mr. Fitzhugh for psychology class. His smile was infectious and he had a way of making class interesting. He had such a genuine laugh that made you want to laugh along with him. Great teacher. I have no doubt he had a great impact on many and will be greatly missed. I was sorry to hear of his passing.



Nadine Willis - January 30, 2019 at 09:00 PM

WS

“ Like many have said here he was my favorite teacher and probably one of the best people I have ever known. He was my RA counselor at First Baptist, he officiated when I was married in 1981. He was no doubt a man of God and he loved all of us who sat in his class. He was our teacher and our friend, he made learning history fun and is probably the reason that today I love history. I know he is now with his father looking down on us all. Thank you Mr Fitzhugh of being a part of our lives and touching so many of our hearts. Willie Slingerland Class of 79

willie Slingerland - January 30, 2019 at 08:54 PM

LM

“ I knew Mr. Fitzhugh through my friendship with Allison and have so many good memories of those days. Mr. Fitzhugh was kind and generous with his time, always willing to give us a ride home. I never recall seeing him angry with anyone. As a teacher now, I know that's not an easy task! My sister and I were talking about teaching last week, and she said that, of all her teachers, Mr. Fitzhugh was the only one that she remembered. I want to offer my condolences to Allison, Jeff, and the family.

Lesley Beard Mitchell

Lesley Mitchell - January 30, 2019 at 07:15 PM

RB

“ Mr. Fitzhugh was a great and well respected teacher at Lancaster High School. He loved and cared for every kid that walked the halls My heart goes out to the family.

Regina Flaner Burton - January 30, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ *Bob was my brother inlaw for the past 15 years he always was willing to help me when i needed. He made Katherine happy I remember after there first date Katherine came to our house and told us she meet the man she was going to marry, and she did. Bob fit in to our lives from day one. Love you and will miss you Bob.*

Rick Greenberg - January 30, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Fitzhugh.*



January 30, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ *All of these kind words are such a tribute to Mr.Fitzhugh ! I was such a trouble maker as a teen in the late '70s ,but not in his class ! It was called 'respect' ! He was such a caring and understanding teacher...my favorite also !*

kavin loftin - January 30, 2019 at 08:51 AM



“ *My Fitzhugh was the nicest, most caring, sweetest person, friend, teacher I know. He touched and changed so many lives. His smile is unforgettable. A genuinely lovely human being who cared deeply for all. The world is going to miss you dearly. R.I. P. Mr Fitzhugh, until we meet again.*



Melissa Winters - January 30, 2019 at 05:40 AM

PH

“ Heaven just gained one heck of a guy. Mr. Fitzhugh was my 9th grade American History teacher. Such a caring person. Always walked in the classroom with a smile on his face. Prayers to his family.

Pam Smith Horton - January 29, 2019 at 11:21 PM

AL

“ Mr Fitzhugh was a great teacher he showed love toward all students the greatest history teacher

Alice Perkins Lane - January 29, 2019 at 10:00 PM

SS

“ I am very saddened to hear of Mr Fitzhugh's death. I was in his outdoor education club and went on a few adventures with him. He was the first to teach me to rock climb. I then went on to become a mountain guide and outdoor educator in California and Colorado and taught others to rock climb and love nature as he did. I never forgot the things he taught me and the million laughs I had with him. Jeff and Allison, I am so very sorry for the loss of your dad. I miss you both and wish I could be there to give you guys hugs. It has been amazing to read all the stories of those he impacted. He was unique and one of a kind and his prescence will be greatly missed. I am picturing him in heaven running and trying to ride an ostrich.
Much love and prayers,
Stephanie (Bruce) Sapp
Class of 1994

Stephanie Sapp - January 29, 2019 at 08:38 PM

DH

“ *Mr. Fitzhugh was a great teacher and someone I greatly respected as a student at LHS, class of '79. He was always fair and seemed like a genuine person. My deepest sympathy to his loved ones.*

debbie haney - January 29, 2019 at 08:26 PM

 Regina
Cobb

“ *RIP Mr. Fitzhugh
He was my favorite history teacher that always made the class Fun with lots of laughter in it.. Always had a Smile on his face everyday. You will be Dearly missed..*

Regina Cobb - January 29, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ *Mr. Fitzhugh was my 9th grade history teacher and literally saved my life in 1974. I was hopping a train near his house which was sort of in the country at the time and lost my leg. I would not have lived if he had not intervened. He put tunicates on me and SAVED my life. I remember his daughter in the front yard where had picked me up and had taken me asking "Daddy was he playing on the trains and he said "yes baby, go in the house OK"? I met her again several years later and she remembered me! What a great man and I will never forget him.*

Steve Michael Adams

Mike Adams - January 29, 2019 at 07:40 PM

DB

“ *Mr. Fitzhugh was my favorite teacher. I was some kind of trouble in high school, but he understood me and helped me through those times. RIP. Know that you made a difference in my life.*

Debi Haberman Bell - January 29, 2019 at 07:13 PM

MS

“ *Mary Saunders lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Fitzhugh*



Mary Saunders - January 29, 2019 at 06:40 PM

CD

“ *Robert and I started first grade together. He was always a great friend. Bless him and his family. Rest now, Robert. You will never be forgotten.*

Charles Dillard - January 29, 2019 at 03:45 PM

DM

“ *A wonderful man with a infectious smile !*



Denise Bragg Murphy - January 29, 2019 at 03:43 PM

LH

“ *I APPRECIATED BOB FITZHUGH FOR ALL THE TIME HE SPENT WITH THE YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH. THEY ADORED HIM AND LOVED THE TRIPS and activities HE PLANNED FOR THEM.HE WAS ALSO MUCH LOVED AT SCHOOL. BOB WAS UNIQUE AND TALENTED AND MUCH ADMIRED. AND WILL BE SO MiSSED.*

Loi Hitt - January 29, 2019 at 03:19 PM

KF

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:7-8



Bob is now with his beloved brother and parents. He was an exceptional person who helped everyone he knew. He was a fantastic teacher to both of my daughters in high school. I have many fond memories of our conversations about our Mothers, Winnie and Nellie, who were longtime friends. Sending my sincere sympathy to his family.

Karen Barnum Fallen

Karen Barnum Fallen - January 29, 2019 at 03:11 PM

SS

“Selinda Swinford lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Fitzhugh



Selinda Swinford - January 29, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“Not only was he my favorite teacher, but drove my bus and married my husband and I in 1980. Rest in peace. Lancaster will miss you.
Lisa Peebles Caillet

Lisa Caillet - January 29, 2019 at 10:58 AM

WB

“ There are a handful of men who, during my youth, had a tremendous impact on my growth as a Christian man. Bob Fitzhugh was definitely among them. I know I am not alone. His legacy is that he had a positive impact on so many young people over the years. I'm honored that I was one of them. My deepest sympathies to Jeff, Allison and the rest of the family during this difficult time.

Wes Blair - January 29, 2019 at 09:11 AM

HN

“ Growing up, Bob Fitzhugh was one of those few people that you knew you could ALWAYS depend on and he would be there ready to help. He was a kind, unique and very special person and he will be missed by so many friends.

Holly Hitt Niner

Holly Hitt Niner - January 29, 2019 at 08:46 AM

RL

“ Mr.fitzhugh was a teacher,a bestfriend,and a all around good man. He was also a good listener and advice giver.i admired this man and looked at him like a father.RIP bob

Robert lehmkuhl - January 29, 2019 at 06:39 AM

SW

“ Grew up attending 1st Baptist Church of Lancaster, he was a mentor , and great teacher and a friend, so many memories of camping and climbing, and always teaching us life skills threw Christ .



Stuart Wallace - January 29, 2019 at 05:14 AM



“ Mr Fitzhugh, was one of my favorite teachers, I loved his History class! I remember going to his house on a class field trip, we learned all kinds of things that day including that his Great Dane lived in a tree house. Mr Fitzhugh said that was their natural habitat, they lived in trees!

Mitzi Webb - January 29, 2019 at 04:47 AM

CS

“ Connie Sims lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Fitzhugh



Connie Sims - January 29, 2019 at 01:13 AM



“ Of all the teachers I've had...Mr. Fitzhugh beats them all...he was always smilin...and always givin us the answers on our history tests...Prayers to his family...R.I.P Mr. Fitzhugh...

Melinda Ann Garza - January 29, 2019 at 12:22 AM

SM

“ Mr Fitzhugh was always so kind and gracious with his students. So many memories in US History, Psychology, and Sociology. I'm so thankful for his influence in my life. RIP Mr Fitzhugh



Sonya Martz - January 28, 2019 at 11:10 PM

 Debbie
Turner

“ Mr. Fitzhugh was a wonderful Teacher and a kind man in High School. Loved his class.

Debbie Turner - January 28, 2019 at 10:21 PM

RT

“ We have many fond memories of Bob as family friends growing up in Lancaster and through years of working together with children in Dallas Baptist Association and Texas Baptists Royal Ambassadors.

Randall and Wanda Tuley - January 28, 2019 at 10:20 PM

CG

“ He was one of the best teachers ever. You will be missed



Chiana Green - January 28, 2019 at 09:56 PM

LS

“ Mr. Fitzhugh was a teacher. He was a gentleman and kind but you knew he was strong. I remember him physically lifting himself like a gymnast on his desk, supported by his arms with his body parallel to the floor. He was a leader in programs at school and at church and I always thought highly of him. Blessings for all his family as he was a blessing to me.


Larry Smith
LHS class of 1975

Larry Smith - January 28, 2019 at 09:46 PM

DH

“ Mr. Fitzhugh was a great teacher, a great person, and a great friend. I graduated from Lancaster high school in 1996 and happened to run in to Mr. Fitzhugh as his student again in 2012. It's like time stood still. He picked up where we left off in 1996. He was a mentor and a counselor. He was always in the mood to help and guide. I will forever miss one of the greatest educators this world had to offer.

Damian Henderson - January 28, 2019 at 09:15 PM

 Danny Harper

“ I loved Mr. Fitzhugh. He was my teacher and was loved by all his students. A good man and teacher.

Danny Harper - January 28, 2019 at 09:11 PM

KS

“ *Kim Cates Smith lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Fitzhugh*



Kim Cates Smith - January 28, 2019 at 09:01 PM

KS

“ *Mr. Fitzhugh was my most favorite teacher. He made such a great impact on so many students. My condolences to the family.*

Kim Cates Smith - January 28, 2019 at 09:00 PM

RC

“ *Every student loved this man. He was a great teacher and a wonderful man.*

Rick Chapman - January 28, 2019 at 08:31 PM

TD

“ *Tammy Denison lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Fitzhugh*



Tammy Denison - January 28, 2019 at 08:16 PM

SV

“ Bob was a great teacher, a strong influence whether it was classroom, camping, cross country skiing or canoeing. But best of all he was a friend and the man that performed my wedding. You will be missed.

Sheila Grice Vess and Shelby Vess

Sheila Grice Vess - January 28, 2019 at 08:12 PM

SD

“ He had an infectious smile. Lived and loved life to the fullest, he was a great teacher who cared about the well-being of his students. A great man, the salt of the earth, and he will be sorely missed...RIP friend...

Scott Douglas - January 28, 2019 at 07:41 PM

JM

“ Bobby was a very special person with a very kind heart who touched the lives of many. I will always remember his great smile and contagious laughter. I have many wonderful memories of growing up with Bobby and our cousins. We will truly miss this special man.

Judy McMullan - January 28, 2019 at 07:39 PM

JS

“ The Smile 😊 Always there. Very— well very Happy feels —Thank you for being you

J. R. Snider - January 28, 2019 at 07:34 PM

JP

“ The best of the best. Great friend, engaging smile and a positive influence on all that came to know him. He will surely be missed.

Jon D Philbrick - January 28, 2019 at 06:43 PM

JF

“ I always felt safe and at ease in his classes.
They were the highlight of my day.



Jo Lynn Mixon Fisher - January 28, 2019 at 06:36 PM

DH

“ I never had him for a teacher at school but I did learn from him.
When I was in the scouts he taught us how to canoe and how to
rock climb. I went on several camping trips with him that I will never
forget. Thank you Mr. Fitzhugh. My most sincere condolences to
family and friends.

David Hoover - January 28, 2019 at 06:26 PM

CC

I too remember him leading us and scouts taking as camping and
teaching us survival techniques at a very early age I was Struggling
financially and he let me move in with him for 7 months. He was a kind
and considerate man always putting himself 2nd to everyone else but
so full of love and knowledge and always just wanting the best for it
you. I went back 15 years later to visit him in Lancaster' and which
shocked at how the town had become and he was still in the thick of
things he will forever be missed and all of my blessings to his family
and this difficult time! Thank you for all that you did Mr. Fitzhugh and
may you rest easy my friend! Chris Calvary ~

Chris Calvary - January 28, 2019 at 11:45 PM

EC

“ God Bless your family and friends. You were a wonderful teacher, and person. So many memories. R.I.P.



Elizabeth Keenum Castleberry - January 28, 2019 at 06:25 PM

HT

“ My deepest condolences to Robert’s family. Robert was one of the best men I have ever known. He & I rode the school bus together during our grade school years. I always considered him a good friend. He will certainly be missed by many!

Harold Thompson - January 28, 2019 at 05:17 PM

David Vest

“ He was the greatest teachers i ever had and was always smiling . he was such a great friend too. I learned so much from him . he will be missed by all the lives he touched.

David Vest - January 28, 2019 at 05:13 PM

GL

I grew up with Robert and always admired him as a man of God. He was so sensitive to the moving of the Spirit and ready to serve the Lord in anyway he could. What a wonderful influence he had on me and many, many others.

Gary Lanier - January 29, 2019 at 11:29 AM

MC

Mr. Fitzgerald was so kind and a wonderful teacher. He and my brother Jerry were in school together and he was my teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Mickie Cox - February 11, 2019 at 02:08 PM