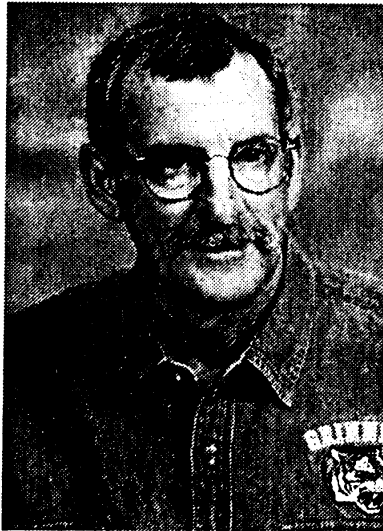


## Ex-GMS Principal Mike Fitzgerald dies Saturday



**Mike Fitzgerald**

Michael Fitzgerald, 57, who retired last year after having served as principal of Grinnell Middle School since 1972, died early Saturday, Nov. 7, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Fitzgerald had been in declining health since suffering a stroke last year.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Paul Phillips Gymnasium of Grinnell Middle School, with Steven Witt, deacon of St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiating. Grinnell-Newburg Superintendent Clem Bodensteiner will deliver personal remarks.

Music will be provided by members of the Middle School Pep Band, pianist Teresa Thompson and vocalist Roger Henderson.

Casket bearers will be David Barger, Rod Boggess, Larry Coglean, Jerry Doonan, Les Koch, Les Norris, Frank Shults and Scott Starrett. Honorary bearers will be Clem Bodensteiner, Sharon Boggess, Ray Boyd, Doug Cameron, Eric Deppe, Dean Douglas, Gerald Hagen, Everett Hidlebaugh, Dorothy Pederson, Terry Peters, Walter Rixen, Ted Mueller, Randy Sarver, Teresa Thompson, Beryl Wellborn, Larry Wilson and past and present staff of Grinnell Middle School.

Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. The family will receive relatives and friends in the Grinnell Middle School Library following the graveside service.

A native of Marshalltown, Mr. Fitzgerald was the son of Thomas John and Teresa Smith Fitzgerald and was born April 20, 1941. He was a 1959 graduate of Boone High School and received a B.A. degree from the University of Northern Iowa. He also earned an M.A. degree in mathematics from the University of South Carolina and an M.A. in educational administration from Iowa State University.

He was married to Marcia Kay Hattel June 66, 1966, in Belmond. He began his Grinnell teaching ca-

reer in 1964, serving as a math instructor and coach. From 1972 to 1998 he was principal of the middle school.

Mr. Fitzgerald was honored as Iowa's Middle School Principal of the Year in 1992, and GMS won honors as a Blue Ribbon Middle School during his tenure.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and a former member of the Grinnell Lions and Rotary clubs. He was past president of the Grinnell Parks and Recreation Board, the Poweshiek County Mental Health Board and the Substance Abuse Treatment Unit of Central Iowa. He was a member of numerous national and state education organizations.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Teresa Hoffstetter and Shannon Schultz, both of Grinnell; three grandchildren; one brother, Tom of Grimes; and one sister, Marilyn DeVoogd of Boone. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

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