

Jeremy James Fitz-Patrick Newport News, VA

Jeremy James Fitz-Patrick died on October 10, 2020 at his home. Jeremy was born in 1935 to Maxine Marshall and Horace James Fitz-Patrick in Calcutta, India. His British father was Governor of the Imperial Bank of India; his mother was American. The family subsequently lived in France and Belgium until the outbreak of World War II when they moved to New York City and thence settled in Bermuda. Jeremy attended Bermuda schools before graduating from Kent School in Kent, CT. In 1957 he earned his Bachelors of Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University, and later received his Masters in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has since been a staunch Tarheel fan.



Jerry and Judy Fitz-Patrick

Jeremy met his Canadian love, Judith Reid while at Cornell. They married, and after graduation began their lives on the Virginia Peninsula when he accepted an engineering position at the Newport News Shipyard. In his 13 years there he also worked in the Sales Department before becoming Manager of Market Research. After leaving the Shipyard, he began ventures on his own and ultimately teamed with former shipyard friends to found GFR Associates, Inc., Manufacturers Representatives of marine products. Additionally, he developed a strong interest in investment management.

Jeremy was a keen tennis player and bridge player from his school years onward. As an accomplished golfer, he won the James River Country Club championships in both the Men's division and the Senior's division. He was also an avid gardener, past president of the Master Gardener's Association, and he could often be found tending his riverbank garden of varied and unusual specimens. He read widely and followed his interests in history and geography with travels all over the world: Europe and India, of course, Bermuda regularly, but he also liked to settle for a time in places like Australia and anywhere it's warm in the winter. He was a loving grandfather always ready to offer assistance and had the faculties to perceive and offer solutions in all kinds of matters.

He is survived by Judith, his devoted wife of 65 years, and their children, Kimberly Breland of Baton Rouge, LA Karen Sundlun and husband, Peter of Richmond, VA and Edward Fitz-Patrick and wife, Arlene of Vienna, VA. He will be sadly missed by grandchildren, Amy Crain, Lauren Winters, Hunter Sundlun and Ashley Fitz-Patrick as well as three great-grandchildren, Keara, Lillian and Brian. Additionally, he is survived by sister, Patricia Selden and niece, Christine Johnson of Park City, UT and nephew, Timothy Jenkins and wife, Linda of Salem MA.