



## Douglas Fitch

November 21, 1940 - December 22, 2018

K. Douglas Fitch, 78, of Greeley, Colorado, formerly of Galesburg, Illinois died on December 22, 2018 after a brief illness.

He was born to Warren and Luella Sauer Fitch in Ashland, Oregon on November 21, 1940. He married Georgia Ann Smith on April 1, 1961 in Greeley, Colorado. He graduated from Montrose High School in 1959. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Colorado State College in 1963. He earned a Master's degree from Colorado State College in 1969. He taught for several years in Cheyenne, Wyoming and Tulelake, California before moving to Galesburg, Illinois. He was a guidance counselor at Galesburg Senior High School for 26 years, retiring in 1995.

Doug was an avid golfer and loved building and carpentry. He and two friends built a house in Galesburg, Illinois. He had a great sense of humor and was known for making bad puns. He was of the Christian faith and was very active in the First United Methodist Churches in Galesburg and Greeley. He was in the choir and served on the Board of Trustees in Galesburg.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Georgia Fitch, daughters Amy Fitch, Emily (James) Hunter, and Elizabeth (Greg) Canuteson, brother Mark Fitch, and grandchildren Moira Roethle, Zoe Fitch, Ellen and Michael Hunter, and Brennan and Natalie Canuteson. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Wendy Denton, and sisters Alaine Kendig and Wanda Fitch.

A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church 917 10th Ave., Greeley, Colorado on February 2, 2018 at 3:00 pm.

Memorials can be made to either the American Stroke Association or Lymphoma Research Association c/o Moser Funeral Service, 3501 S. 11th Ave, Evans, Colorado, 80620. Cremation has been accorded.

An online obituary and guest book are at [www.moserfuneralservice.com](http://www.moserfuneralservice.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 2. 3:00 PM (MT)

First United Methodist Church  
917 10th Avenue  
Greeley, CO 80631

# Tribute Wall



“ *Moser Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas Fitch*



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**Moser Funeral & Cremation Service** - January 23, 2019 at 07:00 PM

DS

“ *Georgia, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I looked Doug up on internet hoping to find a phone number for him. Instead, tears rolled down my face when his obituary appeared. I love all my cousins - guess that's a joy of family; but Doug was a favorite in many ways. When I was 13 years old, Doug was home from college on a break. He came to visit our grandparents, and I lived across the road. I've loved athletics, especially football and basketball from early childhood. Doug was a high caliber college athlete and as such I admired him. I remember him playing basketball with me on that winter day. He helped me understand the importance of being able to dribble with my left hand, which I was not good at then, and also to be able to shoot left handed. i was proud of my older cousin and being able to play basketball with him. I was 13 and I suppose he was 19. At those ages there is a huge difference in athleticism. Today, I can still dribble with both hands and shoot lay-ins equally well with both hands; I began to focus on those skills after Doug gently helped me see their importance.*

*A second memory was later in my adult life when Doug took me over to Ashland to play golf. He was a pretty good golfer by then and I had never played. We had a great time and I'll never forget it. I went on to play a little golf myself, not that good, but fun.*

*Again, I am sorry to hear of Doug's death; I am thrilled to remember he taught 3rd grade Sunday School. I look forward to seeing him and you all in heaven one day -for ever.*

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**Dale Sauer** - January 08, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Fitch.*



February 02, 2019 at 10:12 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Fitch.*



January 29, 2019 at 05:28 PM



“ *92 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Moser Funeral & Cremation Service** - January 23, 2019 at 05:52 PM

MH

“ *Georgia and Family,  
We at First UMC have been praying for you and your family since we learned about your daughter's death, before we learned about Doug's death! I am so sorry! Holding you and your family close! God Bless You - Marcia and John Hull and Travis Andersen*

**Marcia and John Hull** - January 11, 2019 at 07:15 PM

KE

“ Georgia and family,  
So sorry for your loss. Many memories of laughter and love in your home in  
Galesburg.  
Love, Kelly Flanagan Hendricks

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**Kelly** - January 01, 2019 at 07:35 PM



“ My thoughts are with you and your family. I know, Georgia, how hard it is to lose  
your husband. God provides you comfort and good memories until you are  
together again. I was fortunate to get to know both of you through school. His  
smile will be missed. Take care of yourself. Praying for you and your family. Ellen  
& Mozart Anderson

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**Ellen Anderson** - December 29, 2018 at 08:41 AM

SS

“ Sincere condolences to the Fitch family. Mr. Fitch was a kind soul, always warm  
and pleasant, and one who no doubt had a positive impact on many, many lives.

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**Steve Shaver** - December 28, 2018 at 11:46 PM

BM

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Mr. Fitch's family. He was very well liked by so  
many here in Galesburg, IL I know he will be be sadly missed by all.

*Bobette "Claeys" Motz  
Galesburg High School  
Class of "1974"*

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**Bobette Motz** - December 28, 2018 at 12:10 AM

JB

“ Dear Georgia,  
My heart goes out to you and family. Please know you are in my thoughts and  
prayers.  
With sympathy,  
Jan Bielema

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**Jan Bielema** - December 27, 2018 at 04:12 PM

SA

“ Dear Georgia and family, Words seem very shallow to express how sad I am to learn that Doug has passed. But, read between the lines. I'm very sad. - but very happy to celebrate the wonderful life you had together and as a family. You were truly blessed in many ways. And now those memories and your faith will be your strength as you grieve the loss of what was. Doug knew he was loved as he left this world. What peace that must have brought him. Take care. You are loved.  
With sympathy, Sue

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Sue Anschutz - December 26, 2018 at 12:15 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Douglas Fitch.



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December 25, 2018 at 09:30 AM