



Robert Allen Fitch

August 24, 1941 - February 21, 2026

Robert Allen Fitch, age 84 of Sheffield Lake, Ohio died at Mercy Health - Lorain Hospital following multiple health issues at 4:08 p.m. on February 21, 2026.

Robert "Bob" was born in Elyria, Ohio in 1941 to Donald and Vivian (nee Rhone) Fitch, the fourth of six children. He attended school in Elyria and graduated from Elyria High School. Following his graduation, Bob joined the United States Air Force on August 17, 1961. He made the military his (first) career; during his service Bob was awarded two Bronze Star Medals, two Vietnam Service Medals, the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon (the highest unit award), the United States Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the United States Air Force Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Bob retired from his military career on August 31, 1981 in Abilene, Texas.

Following his discharge, he worked in a machine shop for several years. Later, he went to truck driving school. He graduated and became an over-the-road truck driver for many years. Bob retired from his civilian career (his second) after twenty-plus years.

Over the years Bob was a resident of Ohio, Texas and Florida in addition to his military service duty stations in Louisiana, Iowa, New York, Vietnam,

Guam, Germany, Michigan and Texas.

Bob thoroughly enjoyed his retirement. He liked camping , fishing and games with his family; his favorite was Mexican Train Dominos. In addition, he enjoyed solving jigsaw puzzles and Lake Erie perch fish fries. (with fish caught by his sons Chris and Donny). He loved watching his family especially the great-grandchildren during family gatherings. He also loved and spoiled his pets. Bob collected Christmas village houses and accessories, likely twenty-plus totes full. Bob also had a small collection of military ball caps.

He married twice in his life. First, to Elizabeth Fitch-Demier (nee Woskobunik) for twenty years. Then later to Patricia Fitch (nee Goffard) for forty-four years.

He is survived by his second wife Patricia, children Traci (Cleary), Donald, Stephanie (Burgett), Debra and Christopher, his grandchildren Melissa, Gregory, Denise, Jessica, Michael and Samantha, seventeen great-grandchildren and three step children. Bob is also survived by three siblings - Ruth Winchel of Ohio, Raymond Fitch of California and Alfred Fitch of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents Donald Fitch and Vivian Bendik (nee Rhone), siblings Evelyn (Dittmer), Martin Fitch and Charles Fitch and grandchildren Jennifer, Michael, Travis and Devon as well as by his first wife Elizabeth Fitch-Demier.

Visitation will be held on Monday March 2nd from 4:00 p.m. until the time of funeral services at 5:30 p.m. in the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel – 3224 Broadway, Lorain. Reverend Kevin Cleary, Pastor of Butternut Church of Christ in Clyde, Ohio will officiate. Amvets Post # 32 of Elyria will conduct military honors to conclude services at 6:00 p.m. Extended fellowship and a celebration of life meal will take place in the funeral chapel immediately following.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel
3224 Broadway
Lorain, OH 44055
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Funeral Services

MAR 2. 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Military Honors

MAR 2. 6:00 PM - 6:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Ashley & Skylar Frame purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Robert Allen Fitch.



Ashley & Skylar Frame - February 27 at 07:21 PM

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“ One thing I loved and appreciated about my dad. He never once
said any idea I had wouldn't work. He would simply make a
suggestion or help my ideas come to reality. Everything including a
remodel project to a planning an event.

Traci Cleary - February 26 at 11:28 PM

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*My dad was the most laid back, passive, patient person I knew. Never
forget the day he taught me to drive a stick shift car. He picked me up
from work. Driving home some old country road. He pulled over to side
of the road, got out of the car, walked around opened my door and said
'your driving'. Within the hour I knew how to drive that car.
I have memories of him always wanting to entertain people. When we
traveled with him during his military years we always had people at our
home. He would give those service men and women a home away
from home. Always a place and family to go to and didn't need an
occasion.*

Traci Cleary - February 27 at 09:58 AM

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My heart and prayers go out for the family Janet Hines-Burkey

Janet L Burkey - February 27 at 11:36 PM