



Edward "Fitz" Fitzwalter



Grace Fitzwalter

The Fitzwalter Family feels very strong about the Coos Bay community. Mr. "Fitz" Fitzwalter served as the Mayor of Coos Bay for several years. "Fitz" worked hard to improve our community, bringing electric stop lights to our city, raising funds for our city library and Mingus Park Swimming Pool. The Fitzwalter family all love Coos Bay and work hard to continue to improve our community through the Fitzwalter Family Scholarship.

Grace was a remarkable woman. Her first priority was her three children. Following closely were her church, public schools and civic responsibilities.

Her youngest child, Steve, was in the second grade when her husband, Fitz (or E.E.), passed on in 1950. Within a month or two, she was studying for her insurance license to assume the reigns of her husband's State Farm Insurance Agency. She became the first woman insurance agent in Oregon and one of the first women agents nationally, continuing as a State Farm Agent until 1980.

Because of Grace's hard work and her strong belief in continued education, all three children (Patty, Judie and Steve), were able to attend college in the State of Oregon.

Grace served a term as President of the Coos County P.T.A.; was a charter member of the Coos Bay Zonta Club, a woman's civic group; was an artist and an early member of the board of the Coos Art Museum; participated in many fund raisers for local civic causes; and traveled internationally to study other cultures.