

# 'FABULOUS' ROY FITZGERALD IS DEAD AT AGE 63

## One of 5 Brothers Who Headed Transit Lines

E. Roy Fitzgerald, 63, who operated transit lines on a nation-wide basis and was one of five brothers known in the transit business as the Fabulous Fitzgeralds, died yesterday in St. Luke's hospital.



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Mr. Fitzgerald, who lived in the Sheraton-Blackstone hotel here and in the El Mirador hotel in Palm Springs, Cal., entered the hospital after becoming ill four weeks ago in California.

### Lines in 43 Cities

He was president and board chairman of National City Lines, Inc. The company operates bus lines in 43 cities that extend into 55 other municipalities.

It also operated subsidiary transit companies in Philadelphia, Baltimore, St. Louis, Los Angeles, and Oakland, Cal. Mr. Fitzgerald was board chairman of the St. Louis and Los Angeles companies and a director of the Baltimore company.

He started in the transit business on "a shoestring" in 1919 in Eveleth, Minn. He and his brothers, Kent, Ralph, and the late Edward and John, expanded the business while transit lines in other cities were finding the going tough. He was a champion of privately operated transit lines.

### Also Headed Hotel

Mr. Fitzgerald was born in Staplehurst, Neb., and attended Mankato, Minn., Teachers college.

He also was president and chief owner of the company that operated the El Mirador hotel. In 1946 he was elected first chairman of the De Paul university board of lay trustees.

Surviving are his widow, Sue E.; a son, Michael; a daughter, Geraldine.

Mass will be said at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday in St. Philip Neri church, 2132 E. 72d st.