



Charles Wilton Mizell Sr.

February 18, 1940 - August 8, 2025

Charles Wilton Mizell Sr., of Rosenberg, TX, passed away on August 8, 2025. Charles was born in Ridgeville, South Carolina on February 18, 1940, to his parents Sidney Wilton Mizell and Juanita Matilda Trammel Mizell.

In 1959, Charles enlisted into the Air Force where he dedicated 26 years of his life serving and protecting his country before retiring. He received a Bronze Star Medal for his service. After retiring from the Air Force, Charles became a ROTC instructor for LCISD school district and spent the next 15 years shaping the young minds of his students.

While being stationed in Angeles City, Philippines, Charles met his loving wife of 38 years Katherine Nietes at Clark Air Base where Katherine was working as a secretary for the air base and have been inseparable since.

Charles was also a member of the Leonard Wood Lodge #105 and MT Arayat Shrine Oasis. In his spare time Charles loved to take his wife out and go fishing together.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents Sidney W. Mizell and Juanita M. Mizell

Charles is survived by his caring wife Katherine Nietes Mizell, his sister

Fayette Kizer, his brothers John O. Mizell and Sidney A. Mizell, his children Lisa S. Mizell, Laurie D. Salvato, Charles W. Mizell Jr., and Kristine L. Tribble along with numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Charles will be missed dearly and forever in our hearts.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

Expressions of remembrance and condolences are welcome and may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Tribute Wall

“Sgt. Mizell’s far-reaching influence in the lives of countless young people needs no explanation. Those of us whose life he touched, though, feel compelled to explain because we don’t know what else to do in our desire to say thank you as we mourn the loss of such a remarkable mentor and teacher.

I had the privilege of his mentorship while Colonel Brown was still head of the JROTC unit before Colonel Rodgers joined the unit my senior year when Colonel Brown retired. It was a transition not only for the students that year, but for the program as a whole, and I watched Sgt. Mizell handle it with his signature stoic style and his “man of few words” demeanor -- unless he was struck by something funny, which was often when dealing with a bunch of clueless high school knuckleheads such as ourselves, in which case he would always offer sound life wisdom with his (also) signature dry wit and “gotta shape up” motivation.

We listened to him, most of the time. We should have listened more, but as kids, we had to figure out how to be men and women on our own eventually, and he was good about leaning back and letting us scrape our knees. He never let us fall off the cliff, but he had a knack for just how far to push us before extending the safety net, and he’d always be there when we needed that pep-talk or a parental moment to just feel seen or heard.

As squadron commander my senior year, I leaned on him a lot. I missed Colonel Brown like crazy, and I didn’t feel entirely equipped to lead the unit as a shy and awkward runt, but Sgt. Mizell did for me what he did for all of us equally – he saw past our fears and self-imposed limitations, and he said “push” – push yourself, push your boundaries, push your limits, know yourself that well.

I wish over the years after high school, I had stayed in better touch with him because I (and I suspect a lot of us) would have continued to benefit from his no-nonsense style balanced with his grandpa-like “stop whining and get out there and do it” advice at every turn.

I wonder now if he had any idea just how MANY kids loved him, deeply, and whose lives were shaped by his influence and quiet presence. And I wonder whether we ourselves will ever entirely appreciate how deeply his influence went, and continues to go as we carry his influence within us.

Sgt. Mizell's impact requires no explanation, but he deserves it, because he never asked for acknowledgment or praise or even thanks. He just gave of himself, and we as students absorbed every bit of what he offered because we each in our way needed it. He will be missed by countless young people who grew up knowing what it means to have a teacher who believed in them. And I thank him for that, then and always, and I hope his family finds comfort in the remarkable legacy he leaves behind in all of us who remember him with such love and gratitude now.

Sgt. Mizell, we love you, we will miss you, and we hope Heaven is full of brat teenagers who need a swift kick in the tail feathers so that your mentorship lives forever.

Jennifer Honea, class of 1990

Jennifer Honea - August 19, 2025 at 11:24 AM

JM

“ The most amazing person and instructor I ever had. With him & Col. Rogers as a tag-team duo, JROTC was the only place I wanted to be. He was like the second dad I was blessed to have. He treated our entire unit like we were his kids and there was never a dull moment when he was around. He was and will always be one of the greatest.

Sarg, you will be truly missed but will forever be in our hearts, especially mine. Thank you for being that instructor and mentor that we grew to love.

Rest easy Sarg, rest easy.

jennifer martinez - August 14, 2025 at 11:35 PM

KM

“ Kay, I knew Chuck for the many years that we bowled together at the Rose Bowl. Then as he instructed my daughter in JROTC. He was always the professional, Southern gentleman. Kind, a little bit on the wicked side, but a stickler for the rules.

May you and the children and grandchildren be comforted in his love and memories.

And may he always have that cup of coffee in his reach.

Always, Kimberley Waldroff Mosier



Kimberley Waldroff Mosier - August 14, 2025 at 03:59 PM

CH

“ Kay - although I didn't know your husband, I do know that he was very special, just like you. I send my sympathies and hugs during this difficult time.

Carol Holub - August 14, 2025 at 12:23 PM

JE

“ Sgt. Mizell was an awesome instructor and teacher. He meant so much to many many students. I can still hear his chuckle til this day. He and Col. Rodgers meant the world to me. They were some of the most influential people I ever met. Will always be remembered. Rest easy sarge.

Jason Escobedo - August 14, 2025 at 06:06 AM

SK

“ I have so many good memories of Sgt. Mizell, and I'm so grateful that I was able to know him and learn from him during high school. The world was undoubtedly a better place with him in it. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Stacy Kempf - August 12, 2025 at 06:50 PM

LA

“ LETICIA ARRIAGA sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Wilton Mizell Sr.



LETICIA ARRIAGA - August 12, 2025 at 02:27 PM

LA

Chuck you will be greatly missed! Good man gone but will not be forgotten! RIP

LETICIA ARRIAGA - August 12, 2025 at 02:28 PM

LH

Chuck: we will miss your kindness and welcoming smile. RIP my friend



LD and Mary Hayes - August 12, 2025 at 02:41 PM

LH

“ LD and Mary Hayes purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Wilton Mizell Sr..



LD and Mary Hayes - August 12, 2025 at 02:20 PM

LH

“ LD and Mary Hayes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Wilton Mizell Sr..

LD and Mary Hayes - August 12, 2025 at 02:20 PM

FA

“ I learned a lot from Sgt. Mizell - he was my AFJROTC instructor from 1993 to 1997 - I know there will be plenty of more students to share of how good of a man he was. He will be missed

Frank Alderete - August 11, 2025 at 05:11 PM

MW

“ Have only known Chuck for almost 13 years and always found him to be cheerful and helpful. I will miss you my friend at Toledo Bend.

michael wood - August 10, 2025 at 07:49 PM

CJ

Chuck was a great man full of southern hospitality and his wife is an example of an angel working on earth. We loved them and will miss them Eugene Jeans

Clifton Jeans - August 11, 2025 at 08:45 AM

MM

Just got the news!! Sgt. Mizell was one of the most influential people in my life. Words can't express how much he meant to me. Rest in peace Sarg!!

Monica Mayberry - August 19, 2025 at 07:34 AM



My greatest memory of SGT Mizell is how much he believed in me and was a father figure to me in so many ways. Since moving back to Texas, I had been trying to find the time to get back to visit him and didn't make it leaving me heartbroken. He was such an inspiration. Rest in God's Presence and I hope my brother, Romeo, and my Mom embrace you as you enter eternal life. ~LaTanya Guillory Simmons

LaTanya Simmons - August 22, 2025 at 10:58 AM