



# Francis Carroll Mizelle Jr.

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**F**rancis Carroll Mizelle, Jr., 78 of Huntersville, died January 25, 2025. He was born on November 23, 1946 in Charlotte, North Carolina to the late Francis Carroll Mizelle, Sr. and Margaret Oehler Mizelle.

Carroll was a member of First Baptist Church of Huntersville, where he served as an usher and a teacher of the Unity Sunday School Class for over 30 years.

A 1965 graduate of North Mecklenburg High School in Huntersville, he was truly a lifetime Viking. He taught mathematics there for 40 years and coached the girls basketball team for 27 of those. During his coaching career, he led his team to an undefeated (26-0) season and state championship in 1986. Carroll attended nearly every football and basketball game at North Mecklenburg until his death.

Carroll loved hunting, fishing and gardening. He spent much of his time growing vegetables and sharing them with family and friends. He was a neighbor to everyone he knew, and devoted his life to helping others. He was a pillar of the North Mecklenburg community and his impact will continue for many years to come.

Survivors include his daughter, Heather Gibson and husband Will of Davidson. He is also survived by his former wife, friend and caregiver, Judy Mizelle of Huntersville. He had one granddaughter, Jenna Gibson. Also surviving is his brother, Wade Mizelle, Sr. and wife Betsy of Huntersville, nephews Wade Mizelle, Jr., Jeff Abernathy, Marc Abernathy, and niece Ashley Mizelle.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the building fund at First Baptist Church of Huntersville or to the Carroll Mizelle Athletic Memorial Fund at North Mecklenburg High School at <http://bit.ly/4g9OiNq>.



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A celebration of his life will be held at 1:00 on February 1, 2025, at First Baptist Church of Huntersville with a light reception and visitation to follow.

James Funeral Home, of Huntersville, is serving the family and obituary lovingly written by the family.



# Events

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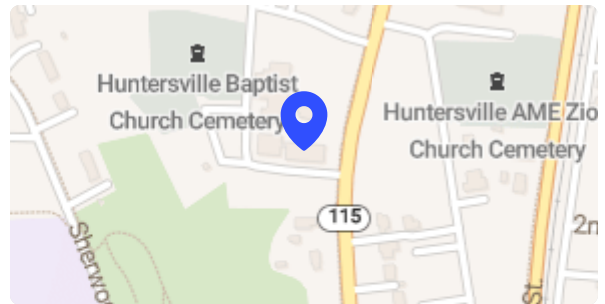
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## Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, February 1, 2025

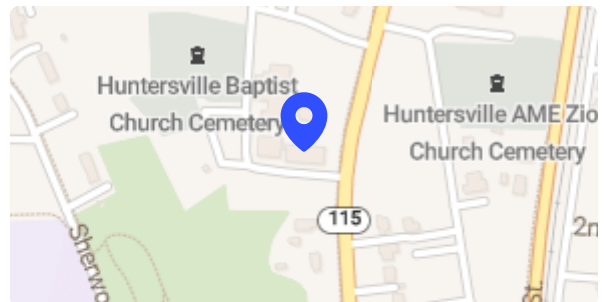
 1:00 PM ET

 **First Baptist Church Huntersville**  
14813 North Old Statesville Road, Huntersville NC  
28078



## Cemetery Details

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# Tribute Wall

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**Ashley Peek Fisher** posted:

I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Coach Mizelle. He was a great neighbor and coach to me. From the pick up games in his driveway to the court at North Meck he taught be to be a strong person and to push myself. Just the day before his passing I met my sister for dinner after watching my niece play basketball. His name popped up in conversation and we had a good laugh sharing stories of the funny math equations he would make up in class about my sister and her driving, and the funny nicknames he gave. I like to think it would put a smile on his face knowing that 30 years later, his former students and players were still thinking of him. My heartfelt condolences go out to Heather, Judy and the rest of the family. He will be missed.

February 1 at 3:20 PM



**Myra Billings** posted:

Carroll was a dear friend and great teacher and coach! He taught with my husband, Steve, for years at North Mecklenburg. A true Viking! He will be missed! Myra & Steve Billings

January 31 at 4:24 PM



**Tom Ramsey** February 1 at 8:07 AM

i think he knew every student he had by first name he was that kind of great teacher and mr Mizelle be sure to say hey to Leonard.



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Mizelle family.



January 31 at 6:11 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Mizelle family.



January 30 at 2:26 PM



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**David Wallace** posted:

My condolences to the Mizelle family. I have fond memories of him as a teacher at North Mecklenburg and how he and his wife Judy would open their home to his students. He will be missed. David Wallace

January 30 at 7:29 AM



**Justin Parker** posted:

Coach Mizelle was such a kind-hearted man. Whenever I covered events at North Meck for the paper, he always greeted me with kindness and warmth, and at his ticket gate, he'd nod toward security that I was "good to go." We'd always catch up on the latest and greatest in news and sports. Once, I did a story on the 1986 state championship team he coached (I think in 2006, the 20th anniversary), and he was great to deal with as I put together the piece. Afterward, he sent me a handwritten note of appreciation. Pure class, all the way. That was Coach Mizelle.

January 29 at 8:42 AM



**Your Friends At Burnside Pest Control** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Mizelle family.



January 28 at 5:12 PM



**Amy Wease Stonehouse** posted:

Mr. Mizelle was such an amazing man, teacher, and coach. Those of us who never had him for math would hear of stories of him fighting the dragon, and boy were we missing out!! He had a true love for North Meck and came to games regularly, even in his later years. I also remember seeing him sitting on the porch with his buddy in Cornelius, right across from Food Lion, waving to people as they drove by. His presence will be missed but his spirit lives on. Well done, thy good and faithful servant!

January 28 at 10:19 AM



**Ann Marie Hudson** lit a candle in honor of Francis.



January 28 at 2:33 AM



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BD

**Brian Dove** posted:

I first got to know Mr. Mizelle at FBC in Huntersville growing up. I saw his faith in Christ from a very young age. I could not wait to get to high school to have him as a teacher and wow did he not disappoint!! He made learning math so much fun! From all of the nicknames he gave his students, to playing North Meck Squares, to running to Mr. Bacon's class to tell him the train was coming, and of course the legendary tails of him fighting the dragon, he was the most well loved teacher at North Meck! And while all of those things were quite hilarious, there was also his passion for teaching. My undergrad was in BSME and with that came Calculus I, II, III and differential equations. Because of what Mr. Mizelle taught me in high school calculus in my senior year it made math a breeze in college. More than twenty-five years later the math might be a little rusty but the memories of Mr. Mizelle will never grow dull. May you rest in peace Dear Mr. Mizelle and I will see you in heaven!!

January 27 at 7:22 PM

SB

**Sharon Price(Bug)** posted:

Condolences to the family of Coach Mizelle. You were a great coach and person. You will be missed. Rest in peace. From Sharon Stinson Price or as you would always say(Bug)

January 27 at 6:50 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Mizelle family.



January 27 at 5:15 PM

PW

**Patty Worrell** posted:

He was always Mr. Mizelle to me since algebra class at North Meck, and he was a great teacher! But in recent years, I could call him Carroll. He was a friend and a neighbor. He loved to walk and my husband and I will really miss seeing him on his daily walks down our road. Carroll loved people and the community and will truly be missed. Our deepest sympathy to Heather, Judy, and the entire family.

January 27 at 4:27 PM



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**Kristel White** posted:

Mr. Mizelle was one of the GREATS. What a legacy he leaves behind! With great love and respect for him, and prayers of the peace and comfort of Christ for Heather and the whole family.

January 27 at 3:09 PM



**Karen Connell** posted:

Mr. Mizelle was a wonderful teacher and a true blessing to all who knew him. I received a second blessing from him when I got to teach with his precious Heather and Will. Our sincere condolences and love...Ed and Karen Connell

January 27 at 2:35 PM



**Steven Billings** posted:

Wonderful teacher, human being and a true developer of young people! His knuckle pushups, writing equations so long that he would extend well past the chalkboard, fighting dragons in the closet and quick wit will always be remembered!

January 27 at 2:14 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Mizelle family.



January 27 at 11:26 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



January 27 at 11:26 AM



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PI

**Patricia Irvin** lit a candle in honor of Francis.

My daughter Cindy was in his Math class and played on the Basketball team. He was such an awesome teacher, and if he seen you he would always make an effort to come and speak to you, and would always asked about Cindy and Family. He will be missed, Sending love, hugs, and praying for family.



January 27 at 10:57 AM

SE

**Steve Eury** posted:

Mr Mizelle was such a great educator and just a fun and entertaining presence in the classroom. I was terrible at math but always looked forward to his class. I've never forgotten and have told my children about his personalized word problems where we had to calculate how much air his car could get going fast over the railroad grade at "Wash" Davis' Store. Deepest condolences to his family.

January 26 at 4:34 PM

LK

**Lisa Keziah** posted:

He was an amazing math teacher! My condolences to the family

January 26 at 3:37 PM

JF

**Jan Freshwater** posted:

One of my very favorite teachers! A wonderful teacher who had a way of making math be fun, even in High School. Prayers for his family.

January 26 at 1:04 PM



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**Bev Clayton** posted:

Carroll was my neighbor, friend, co-worker at North Mecklenburg High School, and we were at church together. He will be in my memory as someone I loved and respected.

January 26 at 1:01 PM



**Mr Clayton** January 27 at 8:39 AM

Thank you. I am very pleased that you pursued an engineering career even if you were in a minority. Many of student in Mr Mizelle's classes came to class talking about the "Dragon that Mr Mizelle" had just shared with them. He was a master at getting the attention of the class.



**Mary (Mittendorf) Holloway** January 27 at 1:02 AM

Doesn't show my maiden name but it's Mary Mittendorf.



**Mary (Mittendorf) Holloway** January 27 at 1:01 AM

Hi Mr Clayton, I also wanted to say what an impact both you and Mr. mizelle had on my life. Because of both of you (but particularly your physics class), I pursued a degree in electrical engineering. Less than 10% of my class were female but I was extremely confident in my abilities and felt I was exactly where I should be. I've told my kids about you and about Mr Mizelle as examples of how much just 1-2 teachers can make an impact. Thank you.



**Bev "Mr" Claytom** January 26 at 4:44 PM

Thank you. As I remember you were an excellent student. We really had some great years at a North Meck. Carroll was a big part of keeping us on track.



**Beth Mcleod** January 26 at 4:33 PM

Mr Clayton, I just want to say how wonderful your memory is in my life at North Meck. You were a brilliant teacher and even though my strengths were in English and history, I have never forgotten concepts you taught in physics class. I enjoyed seeing Mr Mizelle at our 50th reunion a couple of years ago. Teachers truly can have lifelong influences in our lives.



**Jerry & Joy Boovy** posted:

We are so saddened to hear of your loss. What a fine man Carroll was. We always loved seeing him at school and in the community. A great father, grandfather, friend, coach , just the BEST! Love and prayers to all!

January 26 at 12:25 PM



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MC

**Mrs Amy Young Childers** posted:

The dragon is slain and all is well coach! May the Lord bless and keep you. May His radiant face shine upon you and give you peace. Enjoy the post victory party!

January 26 at 11:15 AM

DJ

**Demarco Johnson** posted:

Prayers and condolences on the loss of Coach Mizzelle. I would see him each year at the UNCC basketball reunion. You will be missed Coach rest well in heaven! 🙏🙏🙏🙏

January 26 at 9:41 AM

SN

**Sherry Nossel** posted:

Praying for your family. I know how close you all are. Thank you for the lessons learned on and off the court and 2 years of math class. I was just telling my girls yesterday about how you fought the dragons. You will be missed!

January 26 at 8:31 AM

AK

**Ashley Kelly** posted:

So sorry you are gone Coach. Your family is going to miss you. Thank you for being a large part of this amazing community and being a part of the foundation of my education. I am praying for your family

January 26 at 5:09 AM

CC

**Crystal Camp** posted:

A great man! For some reason he saw something in me I didn't see. Coach Mizelle was a great teacher, coach and friend. He will be missed! Prayers for the family!

January 26 at 5:05 AM

DI

**Diana** posted:

Prayers for comfort and peace going up for Coach Mizelle's family. He was a wonderful educator. More importantly, a great man of God. He will be missed but what a reward is he receiving in Heaven.

January 26 at 4:49 AM



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**Ed Gullede** posted:

I was fortunate enough to grow up being a neighbor of the Mizelle family. I have many fond memories of the fun we had at their home, from playing hide and seek in the yard on a warm summer night, swimming and fishing in the pond and playing basketball on their lighted red clay court. He was a great man from a great family!

January 26 at 4:34 AM



**Barbara Tyner Martin** posted:

Mr. Mizelle was a joy entering FBChurch, great humor and kindness. Viking Educator 🙏

January 26 at 4:16 AM



**Dolores Simril** posted:

Carroll was a good friend from the time we first met at Derita Elementary. A wonderful person and an outstanding teacher. He will be greatly missed. Dolores Simril

January 25 at 1:21 PM



**Vicki James** lit a candle in honor of Francis.

Thoughts and prayers are with family and friends great man he will be missed

January 25 at 11:30 AM



**Kathie Cox** posted:

Carroll was such a faithful Sunday School teacher. He will be missed greatly.

January 25 at 11:23 AM



**Charlene Stevens** lit a candle in honor of Francis.

January 25 at 9:29 AM





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MA

**Miranda Mayes Arthur** posted:

He was such a wonderful neighbor and always so kind to me and my siblings as if we were his own grandkids... he taught us how to garden and it was always nice to wave at him on his walks down the street. He will be greatly missed :(

January 25 at 7:20 AM

SD

**Steve Dove** posted:

So sorry to hear of the passing of Coach Mizelle. He was the best. He was just a bundle of knowledge and wisdom along with being a very entertaining guy. I could talk to him for hours. I sure am going to miss him. Praying for comfort for his family. Steve Dove

January 25 at 6:09 AM

VT

**Vernon Taylor** January 27 at 12:21 PM

I was lucky enough to work with Carroll for 15 years at North Mecklenburg. There wasn't a finer gentleman or teacher than Carroll. His sense of humor was legendary, and his sports quizzes were always difficult, but fun. To Heather, Judy, and the rest of the family, I send you my best, your memories are many and rewarding. Peace, love, and comfort to you all. Vernon Taylor

LK

**Lisa Keziah** January 26 at 3:26 PM

So sorry for Mr Mizelle! He was such a good man and great teacher! He inspired everyone he came in contact with!!



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Francis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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