



Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize

August 3, 1944 - May 22, 2024

Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize, 79, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake. A visitation for all those that wish to share their memories of Chuck and convey their condolences to the family will be held on June 2nd, 2024, from 3-5 p.m. at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. A private, family burial will take place at a later date in the Milltown Cemetery, Milltown, South Dakota.

Chuck Mize was born on August 3, 1944, in Torrance, CA, to Everett and Inez (Tatro) Mize. He graduated from Parkston High School in 1962. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, SD. He went on to earn his Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering from Montana State University in Bozeman, MT, as well as his Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD. Beyond his formal degrees, Chuck was a life-long student of the sciences; eagerly awaiting and thoroughly reading many different scientific publications and journals, and frequently sharing many of the latest scientific facts and theories with family and friends.

Chuck was united in marriage to Marjorie Ann Myers on November 27, 1964, in Chamberlin, SD. Chuck worked for most of his career as a Chemical Engineer for Berkley/Pure Fishing, starting at Berkley's in 1969 and retiring from Pure Fishing in 2006, with a brief, five-year period working for Dunham,

an engineering consulting company in Rapid City, SD, from 1980 to 1985. During his time at Berkley, Chuck had the privilege of being involved in the invention and development of several of the company's successful monofilament and braided fishing lines, including being instrumental in the invention of Trilene XT monofilament fishing line.

During Chuck's free time, he enjoyed training dogs with his wife, Marjie, for competition in AKC-registered Field Trials and Hunt Tests. Chuck and his dogs enjoyed remarkable success over the decades, winning or placing in countless trials. He successfully trained his dogs to receive top certifications, including earning one dog an FC/AFC title; three others AFC titles; and five with Master Hunter titles. He qualified and competed with four separate dogs in the National Amateur Retriever Club Championship over the years, and qualified and competed with two dogs in the Master National Retriever Club Championship.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Marjie Mize of Spirit Lake; and his two daughters, Marie (Keith) Lynn Mize Dotseth, of Pepin, Wisconsin, and Inez (Tim) Yvette Bersie-Mize of Saint Paul, Minnesota; two grandsons, Spencer James Mize Dotseth and Keegan Everett Bersie-Mize; and two of his loving dogs.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and several other of his beloved canine companions.

Memorials may be made in Chuck's name and sent the Humane Society of Northwest Iowa, 607 28th St., Milford, IA 51351.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Milltown Cemetery

273rd St.
Parkston, SD 57366

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Robinson Funeral Home
2317 32nd Street
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
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<http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Chuck's family has my most sincere condolences. I had the pleasure of working with him several years at Pure Fishing. I can envision him speeding along the halls, hands full of materials. It seemed to me he was focused on a task and always rushing past my desk. I am glad to have known Chuck. You all have my sympathy.

Jan Bowles - June 03, 2024 at 09:35 AM

JT

“ John, Lynn, AJ and Erin Thee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize.

John, Lynn, AJ and Erin Thee - June 02, 2024 at 11:57 AM

JT

“ John, Lynn, AJ and Erin Thee purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize.



John, Lynn, AJ and Erin Thee - June 02, 2024 at 11:57 AM

JM

“ Jackie Mize Shukoff and Shirley Mize purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize.



Jackie Mize Shukoff and Shirley Mize - June 01, 2024 at 10:36 AM

BC

“ Blessings, Fairmount Avenue Book Club purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize.



Blessings, Fairmount Avenue Book Club - May 31, 2024 at 02:29 PM

 Linda Ruble

“ Marjie and family-
Thoughts and prayers to you at this difficult time. You have lots of wonderful memories with Chuck to cherish.
Roger and Linda Ruble

Linda Ruble - May 31, 2024 at 09:43 AM

MM

“ Chuck was a true Renaissance man..a great sax player, good story teller and a wonderful listener!! We have had a friendship that spanned over 60 years and never missed a beat no matter how long between "sightings" I knew "big picture" what he did but have new respect knowing he developed monofilament fish line--I don't fish but that's part of my survival kit along with duct tape and bungee cords!! See me for details. Fly high my man-we love you and miss you.

Mary Maxwell - May 29, 2024 at 09:49 PM

SA

“ Stephanie A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize.

Stephanie A. - May 29, 2024 at 11:28 AM

SA

“ Stephanie A. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize.



Stephanie A. - May 29, 2024 at 11:28 AM

WF

“ Warren & Kathy Frizell purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize.



Warren & Kathy Frizell - May 28, 2024 at 08:02 PM

KF

“ Met Chuck training dogs in Texas. We would all training there during the winter. Chuck wad a gown to earth, caring guy and his happy outlook on life will be remembered. Condolence to Margie snd his fsmily.

Kathy Frizell - May 28, 2024 at 06:35 PM

JP

“ Judy Peddycoart lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize



Judy Peddycoart - May 28, 2024 at 05:07 PM

RM

“ Chuck - Did a lot of International Travels in Specifying, Selecting and Purchasing very Sophisticated Monofilament production Equipment.

He loved the travels... Germany, Japan, China Italy and others.

I used to love visiting the manufacturing areas where 20 or more heads would spit out a very fine filament and then these heads would circle around each other weaving the line which was then pulled through a series of dies.

As this process became more sophisticated, the manufacturing area was put on top secret and only a few could see it. This was when Chuck worked on the FireWire product line. Kevlar was included. This retained the strength and flexibility of line, while eliminating the Stretch. This made it easier for the Fishermen to Feel the Fish Nibbles and set the hook.

He also perfected the Line for Weed Eaters. They were stronger and more durable than the original and resulted in Rapid Growth of Weed Eater sales.

Roger Myers - May 28, 2024 at 01:42 PM

DM

“ David M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize.

David M. - May 27, 2024 at 11:09 PM

DH

“ Danny and Lisa Farmer and Yvonne Hays planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize.

Danny and Lisa Farmer and Yvonne Hays - May 27, 2024 at 08:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize.



May 27, 2024 at 08:07 AM



“ Dean B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize.

Dean B. - May 24, 2024 at 11:02 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize.



May 24, 2024 at 11:02 PM



“ Rand and Kim Kirmeier purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize.



Rand and Kim Kirmeier - May 24, 2024 at 09:09 PM

PR

“ Peggy Rick lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize



Peggy Rick - May 24, 2024 at 07:47 PM

RO

“ 2020 was the first time we'd seen each other since our high school graduation in 1962. The conversation seemed to pick up where it left off 58 years prior. With Chuck, what you saw was what you got and that's as genuine as it gets. You will be missed my good friend. Rest In Peace Chuck.

Richard Opp - May 24, 2024 at 04:22 PM

FJ

“ Fran Jungjohan lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize



Fran Jungjohan - May 24, 2024 at 02:12 PM

MT

“ Mike And Deb Travis sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize



Mike and Deb Travis - May 24, 2024 at 08:35 AM

GS

“ It was many years ago that we met Chuck, and you, Marjie, at a field trial. Over these many years there was a lot of serious discussions, mostly about the dogs and how to handle them. Chuck was a great guy, always a hard worker, and a great duck chucker. Our prayers are being said for you and the whole family. May your heart be filled with all the wonderful memories.
Dave & Glenda

Glenda Seivert - May 24, 2024 at 07:32 AM

DK

“ I am so saddened to hear of his passing he was such a sweet man I loved to visit with him about his fur babies. My thoughts & prayers are with you & his whole family

DeEtta Koen - May 24, 2024 at 02:18 AM

KH

“ Margie. I am heartbroken to hear about Chuck. You two were the bedrock of my Spirit Lake training group when I was in town. Always kind and generous, and a smile for everyone. We will all miss Chuck. I wish you strength.
-- Ken Hogan



Kenneth Hogan - May 23, 2024 at 06:51 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Margie. I have many fond memories of dog training with Chuck. He will be missed.
~Randy Cornwall

Stacie Cornwall - May 23, 2024 at 03:32 PM

JF

“ Joanne Follon lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Mize



Joanne Follon - May 23, 2024 at 03:18 PM

JF

Sending sympathy and hugs during this difficult time of loss.

Joanne Follon - May 23, 2024 at 03:19 PM

TK

“ Margie, I am saddened by the news of Chuck's passing. You both were among the first field couples that I met when I joined SVRC and became involved in the sport. Chuck was a wonderful human being as well as a giving, caring spirit. My deepest condolences to your families. Tim Kennedy

Timothy Alan Kennedy - May 23, 2024 at 03:08 PM

SC

“ Marge, Ron and I are deeply saddened by the loss of Chuck. So many memories of traveling with you two overseas. We pray that these memories as well as the memories you two shared through the years will help you get through the difficult times.

Sharon Crowley - May 23, 2024 at 02:46 PM