



## LTC (Ret) Charles Louis Blische Jr

May 25, 1946 - February 2, 2017

LTC (Ret) Charles “Chuck” Louis Blische, Jr. joined his parents in heaven on February 2, 2017 at the age of 70.

Chuck was born in Baltimore, MD and grew up in Dundalk, MD. He was a standout athlete and in 1993 was inducted into the Greater Dundalk Sports Hall of Fame. He played baseball, football, soccer and earned a lacrosse scholarship to the University of Maryland where he met his wife Maureen and earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Journalism. While at UM he played lacrosse and soccer and in 1968 was drafted in the first round to play professional soccer by the Cleveland Stokers of the North American Pro Soccer League. Chuck chose instead to enlist in the Army and began a decorated military career that lasted 23 years and led to many stops throughout the United States and Europe. During his service he specialized in public affairs and earned his Master’s Degree in Public Relations from American University. He eventually retired in San Antonio, TX in 1993. His military honors and distinctions include: Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Service Star, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon (2), and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Following retirement, Chuck continued to work in the public

relations/journalism field. He worked with the non-profit organization Starbase Kelly before moving to the San Antonio Sports Foundation and ultimately found his true passion while working for the San Antonio Fiesta Commission where he served for 10 years as Executive Director. During his tenure with the commission he was fortunate to develop lasting relationships with city officials and became a beloved representative of Fiesta and its long standing traditions in the city of San Antonio.

Chuck's passions revolved around sports and family. His love of soccer was evident throughout his life as he played for a number of years, coached each one of his four sons, and was a licensed referee. Once he was unable to play or coach, he became the family photographer and was present for most games, concerts and other family events. He was also an avid fisherman who took great pride in organizing the annual fishing trip for the entire family where he spent most of his time helping his grandchildren catch enough catfish for the evening fish fry. But his favorite moments tended to revolve around the grandkids and the pool, where he spent countless hours playing and teaching them to swim.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years Maureen, his four sons and their wives, Charles III "Chip" and Michelle, Scott and Brigette, Kevin and Stephanie, Patrick and Beth, his 10 grandchildren Charles IV "Chad", Parker, Colby, Julio, Yvonne, Liam, Emerson, Jackson, Lyla and Evelyn as well as his sister and her husband, Bonnie and John Dixon.

Services at Mission Park Funeral Chapels Stone Oak

Visitation: Monday, February 13th from 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Memorial Service: Tuesday, February 14th at 11:30am

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors at  
1:30pm

Celebration of Life: Fiesta San Antonio Commission (2611 Broadway)  
immediately following interment

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to be made in Chuck's  
name to the Fiesta Commission Charitable Corporation – <http://www.fiesta-sa.org/p/Get-Involved/600>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **13.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Life Center at Stone Oak  
23755 US-281  
San Antonio, TX 78258  
(210) 576-3377  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Graveside Service with Full Military Honors

FEB **14.** 1:30 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

## Memorial Service

FEB **14.** 11:30 AM (CT)

Mission Park Life Center at Stone Oak  
23755 US-281  
San Antonio, TX 78258  
(210) 576-3377  
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## Celebration of Life

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FEB 14. 2:30 PM (CT)

Fiesta San Antonio Commission  
2611 Broadway  
San Antonio, TX 78215

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Maureen and Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We will keep you in our prayers. Love, Pat, Katie & Jonathan Garza.*

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**Pat Garza** - February 13, 2017 at 04:10 PM

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“ *Maureen - cousins Greg, Ray and Dennis Hough, and our families send our regrets for your loss. Can I get an email address and regular address from you? GREG - greg1hough@gmail.com*

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**Greg Hough** - February 13, 2017 at 11:44 AM

JG

“ *Our sincere condolence for your loss. Chuck was a kind and true person who supported many PMOs in the Fiesta Family. After his retirement from the Fiesta Commission I frequently would see him at the Pat Booker donut shop, always a kind word and smile. We will miss him but he leave for us to cherish many fond memories. May God comfort all of his family and dear friends while Chuck takes his eternal rest.*

*John "Buddy" Gardner and San Antonio Queen of Soul*

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**John Gardner** - February 11, 2017 at 04:04 PM



Vanessa  
Said

“ *It was always so great to bump into Chuck. He was always positive...ALWAYS! And he always made my day better.*

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**Vanessa Said** - February 10, 2017 at 02:53 PM

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“ *Our deepest condolences for your family's loss..I'm thinking about you and sending love*



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**OrlandoOralia Quinones** - February 10, 2017 at 01:51 PM

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“ *My prayers and condolences are with the Blische Family. May he rest in peace.*

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**Louis J. Sanchez** - February 07, 2017 at 10:43 PM

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“ *To the Blische Family we have your Father Mr. Charles Louis Blische Jr. in our thoughts and prayers. Our Condolences to the Family. Rest in Peace and God Bless. Gloria, Renee, Gary and Rodriguez Family.*

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**Gary G Rodriguez** - February 07, 2017 at 03:29 PM

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“ *Chuck. You always made me laugh. You had a unique way of positivity. And you helped me in many ways with you advice. I love Your passion and loyalty to all volunteers Blessings to you*



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**Michael Flores** - February 07, 2017 at 11:19 AM