



Richard C. Mentzer

December 13, 1939 - July 23, 2020

Richard C. Mentzer, 80, of New Braunfels, a proud veteran of the U. S. Navy, passed away July, 23, 2020. He was born on December 13, 1939 to Archie and Ruth Mentzer in Corpus Christi, Texas. Richard grew up on the north side of San Antonio with lifelong friends Freddy and Gary. He married Jeannie B. Hunt on February 2, 1963. Richard was a loving husband, father, grandfather, coach and friend.

When his children were young, Richard coached football and baseball. He enjoyed staying in contact with all his former players near and far. Richard had several hobbies throughout his life. He loved to go fishing, always followed his favorite college football team, the Longhorns and later, discovered Indian artifacts which became a passion for the rest of his life.

Richard happily retired from a 30 + year career with Frito-Lay.

Throughout his life, Richard had many nicknames but his favorite was grandpa. He loved being a part of each of his grandchildren's lives.

Richard is survived by his wife, Jeannie, son Heath and daughter-in-law Jacque, daughter Stacie Yount and son-in-law Chris, grandchildren Lauren, Emma and Reid Mentzer and Brooke Yount, sister-in-law Judy Taylor and husband Norman, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family would suggest contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org).

A limited service will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2020 12:00pm at Mission Park followed by burial at Mission Park North with Canyon Lake High School JROTC Color Guard.

Mission Park is live streaming the service on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 12:00p.m.

While it is currently difficult for all of us to get together, a memorial is being planned for 2021. If you would like details on Richard's 2021 memorial, please email your contact information to richardmentzermemorial@yahoo.com.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Richard C. Mentzer*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - August 01, 2020 at 12:17 PM

DK

“ *Jeannie, Heath, Stacy & family...
We are so saddened about your sweet Daddy's passing. I know that my daddy (Freddy) will surely miss him. I can't tell you how many times I would walk in Dad's house and he'd be on the phone with him!
I have realized that Mentzer (as I have always called him!!) is the reason I am a "chip-a-holic" - I love ANY kind of chips!!! I'm sure when I was little he would take me in his "chip truck"!!!
I'll miss the annual holiday calls from him, and he is one of the very few who still called me "Neechie"!
Will be praying for your family.
God Bless You and Rest In Peace sweet Mentzer.
I know we have another angel watching over us.....*

Denise Meyer Kempf - August 04, 2020 at 11:36 AM

CM

“ Richard was truly a good friend, and he will be missed.
There are way too many memories to share here. So many good ones.....
Our sympathy to all of you. Bob and Cathy (Cayo) Martin and family.

Cathy (Cayo) Martin - August 03, 2020 at 10:42 AM

MC

“ Our places in the Mentzer - Willard family at birth, showed us that we were cousins . but in our hearts . Richard Curtis Mentzer . but "Dickie" to us . was our "Little Brother". Eight decades of Life with all our memories of childhood . growing up & having families of our own has never dulled that special place in our hearts for him. Above all memories, his infectious laughter has outlasted all the words. To Jeannie & Family . we are here for you. "Our Loss Is Heaven's Gain" The Willard - Copeland family.

Madeline Willard Copeland - August 01, 2020 at 03:23 PM

JM

“ John & Sue Mellyn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard C. Mentzer.



John & Sue Mellyn - July 31, 2020 at 01:08 PM

JB

“ Richard was a fantastic neighbor. He was friendly and always had a story to tell. I could nickname him the storyteller. For the last seven years since I lived next to him he was trapping opossums and then releasing them in the country. The last conversation we had he told me he thought he had finally trapped the last one. It's kind of ironic now to think it was one job he finished before leaving us. When my husband died he told me to call him if I ever felt scared or sick or if anyone was breaking in. It was comforting to know I had a neighbor next door I could call. I know he loved his family sooo much... He bragged on his grandchildren and all their accomplishments. He told me once he didn't mind dying but he didn't want to leave Jeannie behind. He had a innate sense of duty to his country and his family. He will be deeply missed.

Janis Beamer - July 31, 2020 at 11:55 AM

WL

“ With Love, Ken and Jane Langston purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Richard C. Mentzer.



With Love, Ken and Jane Langston - July 30, 2020 at 12:28 PM

LS

“ My two sons and I, were so very saddened to hear of Richard's passing. We ALL have such fond memories of Richard, his love of our country, sports and our beloved Longhorns. I wish I could turn back the time, and recall some of those wonderful, lengthy conversations we had, about all kinds of subjects..... mostly "sports." He will always be, for me, one of those great "characters" that we are blessed to have come into our lives. The thoughts and prayers of ALL of the Stolle family, are with Richard, Jeannie, Heath, Stacy and all of your families.....

Larry Stolle - July 29, 2020 at 02:42 PM

 Shirley
Langston

“ Very sorry to hear about the passing of a good man and friend. Richard and I spent many years together coaching our sons in football and baseball. He was a very friendly and personable man and a lot of fun to be around. He will be greatly missed and our sympathy goes out to his wife, Jeanne, son, Heath, and daughter, Stacy.

Ken & Shirley Langston

Shirley Langston - July 28, 2020 at 03:29 PM

KL

“ Dear Jeannie, Heath, and Stacie-

Our condolences from the Langston family. I was very fortunate to have Richard in my life as a coach and the one who got me hooked on fishing and the outdoors at an early age. I call him "Richard" now because he used to always get on me for calling him "Mr. Mentzer", which is what my dad preferred. Anyway, I will never forget all of those times fishing with him, Heath, and the guys in what seemed like all of the creeks and ponds throughout San Antonio. On special occasions we would load up in the car at 2AM and head down to the coast (listening to WOAI of course) to fish at places like the Hunts Court Cabins in Rockport where we would fish on the pier all night long catching trout under the lights. I enjoyed it so much that I kept going there throughout high school with friends and would even take girlfriends there when I was in college to see if they "could hang" on the pier. Just so happens that when I took my wife, Jane, we caught more fish on that pier than I ever had before...and we were married 6 months later. As my 2 boys grew up I tried to take them and their friends out fishing and hunting regularly so I could be the "Richard" in their life and allow them to have these great experiences that may not have been available otherwise. I'm sure god has a great fishing spot picked out for him...where maybe he will actually catch the biggest fish! God bless and thanks for everything Rico!

-Ken (Kenny) Langston

Ken Langston - July 28, 2020 at 01:38 PM

SM

“ Dear Jeanne, Heath & Stacie.

One of my fondest memories of Richard is seeing him stop by our house on First View every Saturday morning and he and Don would take off in Don's old green pickup to go "digging". They would come home full of dirt & sweat and proud of their treasures.

During the last couple of weeks before Don passed away, he would come by with his arrowheads & magazines and they would sit and talk about the good old days. That would put a smile on Don's face.

After Don passed away, Richard would call to check up on me to see if I needed anything. That meant the world to me.

I hope God shows them the good digging sites in heaven.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sandy Mangold

sandra mangold - July 28, 2020 at 10:52 AM