



John Mizerak

February 14, 1935 - September 20, 2025

John Mizerak, 90, of Greenport passed away Saturday September 20, 2025. Born February 14, 1935 in The Bronx, NY, he is the son of Paul and Anna (Kunda) Mizerak Sr.

John earned his Bachelor Degree from Union College in Schenectady, and his Masters Degree from St. Lawrence University. His career in education, for over 35 years, was with the Germantown Central School District as a guidance counselor. He was also an SAT monitor for many years after his retirement. John served Honorably in the United States Army. He was stationed in Spokane, Washington as a Chaplain Assistant and Choir Master. He was discharged in 1960 decorated with a Good Conduct Medal. John lived his life in faith. With that faith brought his compassion, forgiveness and unbridled kindness for all living things.

He was the favorite Uncle for three generations of nieces and nephews. No family gathering was complete until "Uncle John" arrived. He was our treasure. We cherished the time we had with him. May we all pass the love he gave us on to others as he did to all.

John leaves to forever love and cherish his memory, niece Stephanie Paulson and husband Peter Paulson, nephews Robin Mizerak and his husband George Cole, and Mark and Joanne Mizerak, along with his Goddaughter Debbie Ryan and her brother Bobby Ryan.

The family wishes thank the neighbors, friends and all who watched out for him through the years. There too many to list.

Funeral services will be celebrated Saturday September 27, 2025 at 10:00am from St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hudson. Visitation hours at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home will be Friday September 26, from 4:00-7:00pm. Interment will be in Cedar Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in John's name to St. Mark's Lutheran Church Hudson, NY.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Park

Hudson, NY

Previous Events

Visitation Hours

SEP 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-3371
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Hudson, NY

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I was very fortunate to work with John when I was just beginning work at the Columbia County Mental Health School and Community Services Project. John was so wonderful with all of us and was a very real-life example of compassion in action. He had endless in his connections to others and was a great advocate for students. He was the absolute example of counseling at its best. I loved running into him from time to time. Rest in peace, John. I bet you have a wonderful place in heaven.



Mari Warfel - September 29, 2025 at 09:29 AM

LS

“ I had the honor and privilege of working with John Mizerak while I was at Questar III. He was a genuinely kind, helpful and friendly colleague, always greeting you in the warm manner of the favorite uncle he was to his family. He was the type of guidance counselor every student needs and deserves, always there for you. John attended every single Questar event and celebration to honor his Germantown students, camera in hand (pre cellphone days!) to capture their special moments. I have the highest respect for him as a professional and as a wonderful person. Rest in peace John - thank you for all you did at Germantown, with Questar, and for being a role model for the rest of us in how to help and care for all the students in our schools.

Lynn Seftner - September 26, 2025 at 08:44 AM

LA

“ John graced the halls of GCS as a Pillar of our community. He embraced countless students with kindness, generosity, warmth, empathy, patience and unwavering support. His office was always open for any student at any time whether they needed educational guidance, were having a bad day, just wanted to stop in and say hi or even needed lunch money. John never turned anyone away and always made time to listen with a compassionate ear. His quick wit and lighthearted personality created a safe haven within the walls of his office. I was lucky enough to know firsthand the amazing man John was. First as a student at GCS who constantly frequented his office and later on in life as his loyal secretary. He had a gift to make an individual feel better about themselves and always saw the potential that could not be seen by others or by the individual themselves. John listened to so many fears and doubts from students of all backgrounds and constantly turned the most negative situations into positive courses of action. John always celebrated students' accomplishments. His famous photography ability to capture students in action, whether on the field, court, stage or in the hall was something everyone looked forward to seeing the very next day posted somewhere in the school or in a card he so often gave to students for their accomplishments. To say John went above and beyond as a Guidance Counselor, is an understatement. His positive attitude was contagious and his tireless effort to be an advocate for every student that walked the halls of GCS made our school a better place. John will truly be missed by many people whose lives he touched significantly, but the love and kindness he has given us all will forever live on in our hearts.

Linda Anderson - September 25, 2025 at 10:49 AM

LO

“ *Mr. Mizerak was my guidance counselor in Germantown over 40 years ago. He was the most caring, sweetest man, always willing to help everybody. Our family stayed in touch with him as my son used to mow his lawn. We would run into him at the store and we were always greeted with a smile and a kind word. He was such a good soul and will be missed.*

Lori - September 25, 2025 at 08:46 AM

DA

“ *So sad to hear of Mr. John's passing..I would visit him also at the Hospital..We would talk and Pray. The last time I visited him was Early Friday morning before visiting Hours.The Nurses was with him. He called out my name and Wavered to me (he did an in air wave)..I sat next to him sometimes in Church...We talked alot on the phone..When I didn't hear from him, I investigated.....There he was he wanted Candy...Which I gave him...We ate candy together...Iam so glad and honored to have known him...He trusted Me that was worth millions. I will never forget him...God Bless him and his Family. I have all the notes he wrote to me. I will treasure them.*

*LOVe,
Darnell*



Darnell - September 24, 2025 at 10:38 PM

AK

“ Mr. Mizerak, also known as "Mr. Miz" was a caring, compassionate and dedicated man. I am a 1997 graduate of GCS and was fortunate enough to have him as my guidance counselor. He helped me in so many ways, especially when I had to start applying to colleges. He was someone that I turned to after the passing of my sister Rosine in 1995 and he attended her wake and funeral, to offer his condolences to my parents (who also had Mr. Mizerak as a guidance counselor). I am now a teacher at GCS and I had the opportunity to have him as a colleague of mine when he came back to the school as an interim guidance counselor after retirement. He dedicated 35 years of his life to our district. I am blessed to have had him in mine. Rest in peace Mr. Miz. You were a legend!
~Aurora Kolb (Lighthart)

Aurora Kolb - September 24, 2025 at 06:18 PM

RO

Graduated 1984 from GCS.
Mr Miz was always smiling, upbeat, enthusiastic and open door when needed. He cared and listened. Embodiment of an educator and a good good person.
Rob Delaney

Robert - October 06, 2025 at 02:12 PM

WK

Im saddened to hear of John's passing. I just learned about his death.. John was a sweet man who cared about many. I miss his checking in on my husband and I.. sending my deepest condolences to his family he is truly missed. May he RIP 🙏

Wendy klimek - December 01, 2025 at 12:24 PM

IC

“ So sorry to hear this. John was a colleague at GCS, but also a wonderful mentor to my sons. His soft spoken demeanor and sense of humor graced the halls for many years. I know he will be missed by many.

Irene Clum

Irene Clum - September 24, 2025 at 09:32 AM

EB

“ Mr. Mizerak was an amazingly kind, compassionate, and thoughtful gentleman! We are so grateful to have had his guidance throughout our school careers and for his continued support as we grew into adulthood. Mr. Mizerak attended many community events, even long after his retirement, including family funerals. His presence was so calming and he always brought a smile. Mr. Mizerak was often the first to send a get-well card or to reach out and offer any help. He has left a quite a legacy in the lives of so many and he will be truly missed. ~ The Dodge and Bathrick Families

Elizabeth Dodge Bathrick - September 24, 2025 at 09:06 AM

JM

Uncle John was such a kind and loving person and treated everyone & everything with respect . I have been very lucky to be married to his nephew Mark for 50 years and be involved in his life!

In later years, Mark & I and Mark's Mom loved going to Unc's for New Year's Eve! What fun we had!

He always took pictures of all family events. He would display them in photo books and give them as gifts! Memories were never lost because Uncle John would chronicle these precious moments!

His love and compassion will live on in his family that cared so deeply for our dear Uncle John.

Joanne Mizerak - September 24, 2025 at 03:52 PM

TF

“ Love from the Kunda family ❤️

The Kunda Family - September 24, 2025 at 09:01 AM

FF

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Mizerak. I was a graduate of GCS Class of 1972 and was most fortunate to have Mr. Mizerak as a guidance counsellor. He was a great person - he cared about all the students and always went above and beyond.
Faith Hull Foster

Faith Foster - September 24, 2025 at 08:13 AM

KK

“ John was what I call good people. He lived by the word of our Lord. When my mother was alive she would receive a flower arrangement on mothers day for many years from John. The world lost a very special person.
John say hello to our family in heaven.
God bless
Maureen and Ken Kunda

Ken Kunda - September 23, 2025 at 02:30 PM