



## William Tracy Mize

October 15, 1958 - February 13, 2024

William Tracy Mize (Willie) was born October 15, 1958, to Herlinda Flores and Troy Mize in San Benito, Texas. He spent his early childhood in Rio Hondo and soon moved to San Antonio. He was raised in a household with his mother, grandmother, Paula, and sister, Wanda Mize.

As a child, William enjoyed playing sports, listening to music, spending time with friends, and eating crickets in lollipops. He was a proud member of the West Side, claiming until his death the love for his home at the San Juan Homes. Will soon met his best friend- William (Bill) Licea. The two sparked a life-long friendship. They spent all of their time together sneaking around in their teenage years and playing racquetball in adulthood.

William dropped out of High School. He later joined the workforce and landed his first job reading electrical meters. At 18, he was so proud to obtain his GED from San Antonio College. Throughout his life, William learned many trades and skills working at Mr. Pencil, VIA, Gas Station Manager for Texaco, Shell, Quick Stuff, and other stores. In 2014, he obtained his Commercial Driver's License and spent several years driving for Dupre. In 2020, he decided to retire.

Growing up, he was an avid member of his family church, Iglesia Cristiana. There, he participated in basketball, volleyball, softball, theatre, and musical

performances. When he sang, his voice was angelic.

It was there at church that William made some of his closest and dearest friends, Jesse and cousin, Diana Mendez. It was also at Iglesia that he met his future wife, Carolyn Esquivel. The two were married in 1992.

William and Carolyn Mize gave birth to their first child, Micaela Ann Mize on October 22, 1996, and later to Troy William Mize on April 11, 2000. Excited with the birth of their children, William and Carolyn dedicated their lives to nurturing, supporting, and loving Micaela and Troy. William was an amazing father. He played with his children constantly, providing them with laughter and love. He was their greatest advocate, even when it came to convincing their mother that they should be allowed to watch Spongebob (he argued that he liked it too).

He was a shy and quiet person when around many, but when with the ones he loved, he would express himself in beautiful ways. He was a confident man who expressed his care through listening. He was supportive, providing guidance, and understanding. He was a goofball, always finding a way to make you laugh, especially when you were feeling sad. He was truly a father figure, stepping into his first experiences of fatherhood with readiness, joy, and pride. His actions as a father did not stop with Micaela and Troy; his role extended to his nieces- Monica and Violet, and to their children.

William enjoyed exercise, listening to music, singing, sports, culture, videography, and San Antonio history. In his later years, he spent most of his time riding his bike and recording what he saw and loved about our city. He enjoyed riding long distances, across San Antonio, as well as at the Mission Parks. Two of his favorites were Mission San Juan and Mission San Jose. He had dreams of becoming a park steward.

In 2021, Will started a YouTube channel, 1DayInLife, a channel dedicated to documenting the people, architecture, and culture of San Antonio. He recorded using his GoPro while riding his bike throughout town, stopping to request to interview residents, and racing away from packs of dogs. William adored cycling frequently.

On February 13, 2024, William was doing what he loved most, cycling. He rode through the San Antonio Missions World Heritage Trail, Mission San Juan. While on Graf Rd crossing S Presa he believed he was clear to cross but was tragically hit by a vehicle. William passed after impact at the age of 65.

William is survived by his children, Micaela and Troy Mize, his sister, Wanda Martinez, and his nieces, Monica Mercado and Violet Delgado. As well as great nieces and one nephew. Additionally, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, an aunt, his best friends, William Licea (Bill), Daniel G. Belfort (Dan the Man), and Jesse Mendez (Jess).

It is no surprise to many that San Antonio was not built with pedestrians and bicyclists in mind. In 2021, there were 294 reported bicycle accidents. William Mize's death shows the urgent need for the city to continue to implement precautions and planning that will ensure we become a city safe for pedestrians. We, William's family, ask that the San Antonio community share William's story to bring light to this urgent and pressing issue.

William's family will continue his legacy by advocating and ensuring that roads on the southside become safe for bicyclists and pedestrians. We pledge to do this by working with the D3 office and continuing to fight and advocate for our community, just the way William would have wanted.

To take action, please follow [@mutualaid\\_sa](#) on instagram to keep up with information and actions regarding making south side roads safe as well as additional information on bike and drivers safety.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<http://www.missionparks.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 26. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Tracey M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Tracy Mize.

Tracey M. - February 27, 2024 at 01:21 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William Tracy Mize.



February 26, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ Love, Jesse & Diana Mendez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Tracy Mize.

Love, Jesse & Diana Mendez - February 26, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Tracy Mize.



February 26, 2024 at 10:16 AM

SB

“ Sammi Briseno purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Tracy Mize.



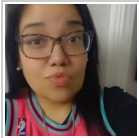
Sammi Briseno - February 25, 2024 at 11:24 PM

NF

“ Ness & Phylis Flores & Famiy purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William Tracy Mize.



Ness & Phylis Flores & Famiy - February 24, 2024 at 11:45 PM



“ Uncle Willie was always nice to us nieces and nephews. There are so many memories so I'll mention a few. Sneaking into movies with rice cakes in Kayla's backpack. Spending the night and he name about 10 different cereals to choose from for breakfast. Having sleep overs when Kayla was a baby and seeing him light up when he would come home from work to grab her in his arms. How he would be laying on the floor playing with Troy and his toys. Christmas Eve being spent at Aunt Nina's and Uncle Willies was always so exciting and fun. Being able to be there on the wedding day and remember my Uncle Willie singing at church and dedicating it to the Lord and his wife. We love you Uncle Willie!! Kayla and Troy we love y'all too!!

Natalie Marie - February 19, 2024 at 10:33 PM

MF

RIP. Will. 🙏🙏🙏

Manuel Benavides. Jessie Mendez J frien - February 23, 2024 at 05:14 PM

BW

*Just found out today about Willy's passing. I worked with Will at ACO in San Antonio years ago. Such a great guy. He loved his family so much and talked about his kids often. Will was a great person. Honest. Smart. Funny. I haven't seen him in years, but I will miss Will. Prayers for his family for comfort and peace.*

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**Barbara Williams** - April 15, 2024 at 01:41 PM

WL

*“Willie was my dearest friend for over 50 yrs. I have no words to express how much I'll miss my friend. I was blessed and fortunate to have met him at all. God bless his family and friends. Hopefully we'll see each other again someday.*

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**William Licea** - February 18, 2024 at 12:07 PM