

A Journey Remembered

As some people journey through life,
They leave a footprint wherever they go –
 Footprint of:
 Kindness and love,
 Courage and compassion,
 Humor and inspiration,
 Joy and faith.
Even when they are gone,
We can still look back and clearly see the trail
 They left behind –
A trail bright with hope that invites us to follow.

Such was Michael “Mickey” Ralph Mize

Interment — July 17, 2020
Fort Logan National Cemetery
Denver, Colorado

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Online at firstprescos.org/watch
Sanctuary: 8:30 a.m.
Worship Center: 9:30 a.m.

Service to Celebrate the Life of Mickey Mize

October 21, 1940 – June 8, 2020



Thursday, July 16, 2020 • 2 p.m.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Order of Service

Prelude

Call to Worship

Scripture Reading, Romans 8:31–32, 35, 37–39

Prayer of Invocation

Solo, *“I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy”*

Remembering Mickey with Gratitude to God

Wally Moorhead, Ken VanCorbach,

Bob Crane, Jim and Cindy Schwindt

Prayer of Thanks

Solo, *“Well Done”*

Remembering the Resurrection

2 Corinthians 4:16–18

Solo, *“I Can Only Imagine”*

Prayer of Commendation

Benediction

Postlude

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Officiant: Rev. Dr. John Goodale
Pianist/Soloist: Mr. Matt Holtzman
Coordinator: Rev. Linda Boyles

Michael Ralph Mize, known always as Mickey, was born in the small town of Miller, Missouri, to Watson and Mary Mize. His family moved to Long Beach, California, when he was almost 2. Mickey and his older brother, Ron, loved to wrestle and roughhouse as young boys. While in school, Mickey enjoyed sports and cars.

After graduating from high school, Mickey went to work at North American Aviation, where his parents and several relatives also worked. Mickey was drafted in 1962, and after serving in the Army, he returned to North American Aviation where he worked on many programs such as the Saturn Rocket Booster of the Apollo Program, the B-1 airplane and the Space Shuttle Program. While working on the Space Shuttle Program, Mickey met Willene and they were married for 43 years. In 1980, Mickey and Willene moved to Santa Maria, California, and purchased a moving and storage company.

While in Santa Maria, they decided to purchase a McDonald's franchise. Upon completion of the rigorous training at Hamburger University, Mickey and Willene purchased a McDonald's in Colorado. After several years of hard work, they decided to retire and escape the cold, and headed to Anthem, Arizona. Realizing they ultimately wanted to be closer to family, they returned to Colorado Springs.

Mickey loved to be with people, loved playing cards, loved pickleball, loved *Top Gun*, loved his Broncos, loved his friends and family, but most of all he loved Jesus. Mickey showed us all how to love life, regardless of what is going on. He showed us that a smile can always make things better. He showed us unconditional love—and most importantly, he showed us unfaltering faith.

Mickey is preceded in death by his mother, Mary; father, Watson; son, Roger; sisters-in-law, Jane, Jeannette and Anna Jo; and brothers-in-law, Dale, Jim and Bobby.

Survivors grateful to share his life include his wife, Willene, of Colorado Springs; brother, Ron, of Lakewood, California; sisters-in-law, Charlene of Independence, Missouri, and Ruth of Vian, Oklahoma; daughters Kristy Mize of Reno, Nevada, Sheri Erickson (Dave) of Sartell, Minnesota, and Heather Witt (Brian) of Flagler, Colorado; and grandchildren, Joshua, Kyle and Trevor Erickson, and Alexis and Peyton Witt.

Mickey liked to share one of his favorite quotes by Rev. Billy Graham: “I am just getting a new address.” He knew how much he was loved, which made this transition easier. We hope each of you here today recognizes the impact you made on him and his family's lives. He loved you all and is waiting to see you in heaven. He has already said he can't wait to show us around.

Thank you all for your love, prayers and support for our family.