



Andrew Michael Mize

April 26, 1999 - April 12, 2018

CUMBERLAND – Andrew Michael Mize, age 18, of Cumberland, passed away on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at his residence. He was born on April 26, 1999 in Richmond as the son of Garrett D. and Heather M. (Bergfelder) Mize. He was on the Mt. Vernon High School Special Olympics Team, where he participated in the wheelchair and relay races. Andrew loved watching Barney and the Chicago Cubs. He adored his family and enjoyed spending time with them.

Andrew is survived by his loving parents, Garrett and Heather Mize of Cumberland; sister, Morgan L. Mize of Cumberland; grandparents, Richard E. and Mary M. Mize of Winchester and Paul A. and Karla Bergfelder of Richmond; grandmother, Brenda Bergfelder of St. Louis, MO; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be held on Monday, April 16, 2018, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. A funeral service will take place immediately following the visitation at 2:00 p.m. Kevin Fritts will be officiating. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery in Greenfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by mail to the Down Syndrome Indiana, 708 E. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202 or envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at <http://www.erleweinmortuary.com>.

Cemetery

Park Cemetery

621 South State Street
Greenfield, IN, 46140

Events

APR 16 **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield
1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

APR 16 **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Heather, Garrett and my Morgie,
I can't imagine the pain and emptiness you are going thru. Andrew loved all three of you so very much. He would light up when he would see you guys come home. He was one lucky boy to have such wonderful and caring parents and sister that took such great care of him and love him the way they did.
He definitely was smarter then we all gave him credit for because he knew how to play you and get what he wanted from each of you. He knew that smile and laying his head on your shoulder worked almost every time!
The hard part for us now is moving on without him in our physical lives but we will keep him alive in our hearts remembering and talking about him. There were a lot of people there yesterday who Andrew had touched their lives in his short life. The storys people had to tell meant a lot because it showed how much love for Andrew they had.
We were blessed to have Andrew for the short time God allowed us to. I don't understand why we had to give him back so soon but God had a plan and reason. I do know that Papa and Mama and Carol are spoiling him like crazy right now.

Andrew, Grandma misses you and I know one day I will be up there with you and we can sit and watch Barney together over and over and over! Maybe I could get you to watch the Cardinal game and make you a Cardinal fan... wouldn't that make your Dad mad. Lol

I know I will finally get to hear you say grandma and I am excited for that and I can't wait to hear your voice calling my name. I know you have your Sadie up there with you now and that is putting a huge smile on your face.

Andrew man I loved you the first minute you were born and I saw you and touched you. I have always loved you and will continue to love you in my heart forever. There is a saying "Gone but not forgotten" and you will definitely never ever be forgotten.
I love and miss you my little Andrew. You are over the Rainbow now and your trip to Holland is done but your final destination is a far better place no more pain only happiness

Forever in my heart, Grandma

Grandma Brenda - April 17, 2018 at 10:16 AM



“ Andrew was a special young man, and he has a special place in my heart. I will always remember his smile! We are so sorry for your loss! You are a wonderful family and you are in our prayers!
Christy and Rick Doan

Christy Doan - April 16, 2018 at 08:53 PM



“ Garrett,

I was heartbroken to hear about the loss of your son through the "consulting grapevine," but I wanted to let you know how sorry I am for your family's loss. And from what I can see while reading many of the tributes, Andrew was a joy and he will be missed terribly. Please know that I'll be praying for God's peace and comfort during this difficult time and that you hold on to and share precious memories of Andrew celebrating his life.

Joyce Jones-Myers - April 16, 2018 at 03:22 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Seth Thomas - April 16, 2018 at 10:10 AM



“ JANET CAUDILL lit a candle in memory of Andrew Michael Mize



JANET CAUDILL - April 16, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ Heather, Garrett and Morgan....my love and prayers are with you today. I will always remember Andrew coming to 4H and what a following he always had....never a shortage of babysitters. His smile was contagious and uplifting. I applaud you all for always fighting for him to have the best care possible. Please take comfort in the Lord and know He is with you all during this time.

Janet - April 16, 2018 at 09:38 AM



“ Our thoughts & prayers are with your entire family as you remember and celebrate Andrew's wonderful life. In Sympathy, Craig & Lisa Kinyon

Craig Kinyon - April 15, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ Dearest Andrew

It is amazing how much joy one person can bring be to another. Now don't get a big head with this because we both know that you could also be the most difficult child if you wanted to be and yes, I see that smile saying come on dad you know I am your perfect boy.

People often ask me if I would change anything if I could. I would be a liar if I said no, I would have done anything to take away the pain. No dad should ever see his son go through some of the things you did. Please don't take that the wrong way you are still my perfect little boy. How many other dads get to have the relationship that we have for the almost 19 years. I was the lucky one; do you know any other teenagers that drop everything when their dad is with them? No one else exists when we are together, you are my life, my joy, my world. Please don't tell your mom but you are my number one, I bet she already knows.

It is amazing how much you and I are alike. Not just in the way we look but our personalities. Your mom says that we have the same dirty looks, but I have no idea what she is talking about. Anyone that knows me would say I am a pretty stubborn person. I see things very black and white with little room for compromise. There are typically two ways of doing something, the wrong way and my way. How surprising was it that you showed me my way was wrong, and it was your way that was right? You have your own agenda, things are going to be your way. You know what that is just the way it should be.

Mom and I always try to find things that make you happy. Some are good ideas: going to baseball games. Who would have guessed? Some are bad ideas: remember a Christmas Carol? I didn't think so, you only saw about 2 minutes. It is the simple things that brings the most joy: a bike ride, a walk, a trip to the park.

I have to tell you there are times that you can be very difficult or maybe just plain bad is a better way to say it. Your attitude is about all mom and I can handle. The funny thing is you know that your smile gets you away with most things. Guess its good to be a handsome boy, you get that from me. The girls at school must agree, each one that we meet talks about how much they love you.

I will keep this short. No matter what your mom and I love you more then anything. There have been ups and downs, good days and bad days. I have a little less hair and a lot more gray but it's only hair. The joy that you have brought to us and will continue to bring to us can not be explained. You have made us better parents and better people and for that I thank you.

Love always,
Dad



“ Heather and Garrett, what a great picture of Andrew! I hadn't seen him since he was a little boy. You were his fierce champions and advocates and it is obvious that you all did a great job giving him a full life. I was saddened to read of his passing and know he will be dearly missed. Our condolences and prayers to your family, Anne Mowell for the Mowell family.

Anne Mowell - April 14, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Mark, Kymberley, Ashtynn & Jordan Saul

kymberley saul - April 13, 2018 at 06:24 PM



“ There is not enough space to tell all the funny stories I have, so I will tell one of my sweet ones. Having been a nurse for this spunky kiddo for several years I occasionally got one of his illnesses. Well this particular time the stomach bug went around the house and I was one of the last to get it. I knew Heather and Garrett needed to go to work but I felt bad. Heather told me we could stay home and just watch our movies he loved dearly. I sat in his bed Andrew in his recliner. Andrew sat there very calm all day he walked over to check on me once and a while but would frequently look back to me. Normally we would play and he give me some sort of sass. But not this day he did every thing I asked and even helped me. He always knew when you needed love to feel better and how exactly to give you that love you need.

Victoria - April 13, 2018 at 09:24 AM



“ Dearest Andrew, May you run and laugh with the angels now, no longer trapped by your earthly constraints. Dance, sing and play like never before!
I remember the first time I met you, I think you were two! Boy were you giving your Mommy and Daddy a rough time, you were so busy! Then you would turn and flash that grin.....you stole my heart then and there!
Your road on this earth was rough, yet you always had such a sweet smile! You were beyond stinking honery, but you could charm the coldest of hearts with that grin!
You were a very lucky boy too! You had a Mommy, Daddy and big sister who adored you....even when you were being a stinkpot!! Chair flipped and Barney playing for the millionth time. If you weren't so stinking cute, I bet you would have gotten in trouble....

Sadly, there are a lot of people who loved you so much, that your departure has made many many tears fall. Everyone will continue to love you, but will miss you desperately. I, personally just want to thank you Andrew for the light that you brought to my life, I loved reading your mom's posts about what you were "up to".....and the somewhat selfish side of me says why did you have to leave us so soon? Please know that I will carry you forever in my heart, as you made an imprint on it, that changed me, the day we met.....thank you Andrew. You will never be forgotten.....
Kim Puterbaugh (and family)

Kim Puterbaugh - April 12, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ Heaven has just received a precious young man. Andrew had a smile that lit up a room. I loved when he cupped his hands around his face and smiled. That was Andrew. He had a stubborn side at times. He came to visit me in St. Louis one time. I have a patio door to my yard. Andrew wanted to go out into the yard for a brief moment. This went on many times in and out. This was getting old and Heather told him no more. She wasn't getting the best of him so Andrew went over to the door and yanked the curtains off and pulled the door open. He absolutely loved his hands and arms rubbed ever so lightly. Love you Andrew Man

Sherry Nelson - April 12, 2018 at 09:24 PM