



## Jane Mize

December 1, 1938 - December 19, 2025

Jane Ballard Mize passed away peacefully on December 19, 2025, in Temple, Texas, of natural causes.

Jane was born on December 1, 1938, in Good Hope, Alabama, to Ed and Corina Ballard. She was a proud graduate of Good Hope High School, where she met her high school sweetheart and future husband, Marlin Gene "Sonny" Mize. The two shared a devoted marriage until Marlin's passing on October 8, 2016.

Jane and Marlin embraced military life through the United States Air Force, building a life together that carried them across the country and the world.

Their journey included homes in Massachusetts, Mississippi, Guam, South Dakota, and later Fort Worth and Abilene, Texas. They were blessed with two sons: Craig, born in Massachusetts, and Michael, born in Mississippi.

Following Marlin's retirement from the Air Force, the family settled in Cullman, Alabama. There, Jane began a remarkable second chapter of her life. With a lifelong love of learning, she enrolled at the University of Alabama, earning her undergraduate degree and later completing her doctorate in Marketing. Armed with her education and entrepreneurial spirit, Jane founded her own marketing company, JBM, in Cullman.

In their later years, Jane and Marlin moved to Ennis, Texas, to be closer to their youngest son. Jane quickly became an active and beloved member of the Ennis community. She was deeply involved in Rotary and worked closely with physicians and staff at the local hospital, where she was cherished by

both patients and caregivers.

Even as her health declined, Jane's warmth, curiosity, and generosity never faded. Family members have heard countless stories from hospital and nursing home staff about the joy she brought to those around her. During her final stay at Baylor Scott & White ICU in Temple, her nurses shared how Jane continued to inspire them-showing off the papers she was working on, demonstrating her lifelong passion for learning, and ordering snacks for nurses, technicians, and staff simply to brighten their days.

Even in her final hours, Jane's instinct was to give, to connect, and to share her enthusiasm for life and for people. She will be remembered as a devoted wife and mother, a scholar, an entrepreneur, a community servant, and a woman whose kindness left a lasting impression wherever she went.

Jane is survived by her son Craig Mize and wife Pat; granddaughters Rachel Mize and Lori Mize Raymond and husband Carl; great-grandchildren Hailey Brownell; Logan Frank; Kaylynn and Corbin Raymond; her son Michael Mize and wife Carol; and grandsons Ryan Mize and Adam Mize.

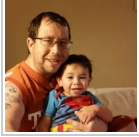
# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so very sorry for the passing of Jane. I work for her dentist in Cedar Hill. Jane enjoyed making us wonderful dishes and lots of cakes! I lived in Waxahachie and since she was in Ennis, a little bit of a drive from the dental office I would sometimes take stuff from the dentist to her. She would ALWAYS have Docs favorite cake for me to bring back to the office. We became fast friends and I went over and helped her pack up Christmas goodies for everyone in her complex...she did not want anyone going without. My husband and I went over and put together an island that she got in and could not find anyone to put it together so he jumped on it...she tried to pay us with money...no mame....she was so much like my mom we refused....so of course typical Jane style she had a cake waiting on us! My husband Ben said it was the best cake he had ever eaten. We would visit often and when she had to move down to be closer to family we texted and checked on each other. My last text was December 16 when she told me she was praying for me. I hadn't heard from her and figured she was busy with family through the holidays and trying to get better. I texted her this morning and to my heartbreak discovered she had passed. I know she is now in her glorified body with her gloried teeth that is now matching up with her very sharp very educated mind! It was only about 2 years ago when she was enrolled at MIT and another college, and she told me her college advisor told her she needed to slow down!!! She was like, no I love to learn and my mind is great! She was such a joy to me my husband and our entire dental office. We loved her and I know she loved us because she told us! She is missed!!! Family, thank you for sharing your mom/grandma with us. It was such a blessing every time I was fortunate enough to have conversations with her. Our office sends prayers for peace and comfort. Shanna

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**Shanna Potter** - February 04 at 11:59 AM



“ *I'm sorry to read about Jane's passing. I met her in Arlington and adored her very much. She was always a pleasure to have at Encompass Health.*

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**Nancy Conroy Mack** - February 03 at 09:40 AM

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“ *Ms. Jane Mize was one of those rare people who made things happen quietly, beautifully, and always for the good of others. She loved marketing for Ennis Regional Medical Center (ERMC) and had a true gift for storytelling through her dedicated columns in the Ennis Daily News. Jane didn't seek the spotlight—she preferred to work her magic behind the scenes, drawing others in and making them feel part of something meaningful.*

*I'll never forget the ERMC open house she organized, complete with Janie Fricke as a special guest—pure Jane: thoughtful, creative, and unforgettable.*

*I had the privilege of working with Ms. Jane in Palestine before she moved to Ennis in 2001, and that's where she “voluntold” me to get involved with the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. Because of her, I've been involved ever since. She was my biggest supporter and a constant encourager.*

*At Oak Timbers, where she lived, she was always thinking of others, recruiting donations and rallying people together to make Christmas special for every tenant. Jane had a big heart, a generous spirit, and a talent for making people feel valued. She was a very special lady and a great baker - I will miss her dearly.*

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**Angela Jones** - December 26, 2025 at 02:15 PM

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*Jane was one of my best friends. She was very generous, and made sure no one went hungry. I'm Lue Ann Wilhoite. I did a many of things for her. Picked up groceries, took her to appointments. Cleaned for her. Picked up her medicine as well. She was a great lady. I loved her and would tell her that. She only told me once of all the yrs I knew her that she loved me as well. I truly miss her. She was my rock.*

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**Lue Ann Wilhoite** - January 22 at 07:23 PM