



In Memory of **Mike "Killer" Williams**

September 12, 1945 - October 12, 2016

Michael Felix "Killer" Williams, 71, of Austin, passed away on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, surrounded by his family. Mike was born on September 12, 1945, in Austin, Texas, to Cecil "Big Daddy" and Mary Williams.

Growing up, his first passion was baseball. He was an All-star Little League pitcher and also pitched his way through Travis High School. During these years, he made many lifelong friends. When he pitched at Blinn College, he earned the nickname, "Iron Mike". It was there the Colt .45s (now the Houston Astros) discovered Iron Man and signed him. Unfortunately, arm injuries put an early end to his baseball career. But, not before he met the love of his life.

In 1965, good friend, Darrel, introduced Mike to a sweet girl named Janice Forbes. He always told his kids that he married the most beautiful woman in the world. He also frequently said, "They don't make them like her anymore". So he held on tight. For her, the same was true for him. They loved each other deeply and took tremendous care of each other since the age of eighteen. This past June, they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Together, they created a happy life, a strong family, and a beautiful love story.

After baseball, he needed a new career path. His childhood buddies, The Covert Brothers, introduced him to car sales. He found success as a salesman partly due to his unique charisma and honesty, but mainly to his superior work ethic. He made friends easily and that quality extended to his customers.

In the early 80's, Mike ventured out on his own and opened a family business called

Williams Motors. He made many good friends in this profession. He also picked up a golf club one day and rarely put it down. All of his Wednesday tee times served him well, as in his later years he became a professional golfer on the Senior Tour.

Mike was one of a kind. He had a larger than life personality. He made such an impression. Even those who met him had the briefest of moments remembered upon meeting him again years later. He had a terrific sense of humor and a gift for charming people. He loved animals and went out of his way to take care of them. They brought so much joy to his heart.

He had a strong protective instinct and a generous soul. Lately, even while facing an unrelenting illness, his only worry was "Did I do enough to help people?" No other words could express his character more clearly. And the answer is yes...yes he did.

Mike lived life the way it is supposed to be lived-to the fullest. He did it with love, laughter, family, friends, and faith in God. He will be profoundly missed.

We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives,
until we meet again.
So rest in peace dear loved one,
And thanks for all you've done.
We pray that God has given you
The crown you've truly won.

Survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Janice Williams; his children, Michael Williams, Michelle Davis and husband, Justin, and Melanie Hoxie and husband, James; grandson, Patrick Juarez; granddaughters, Abigail Davis and Julliette Davis; brother, Jerry Williams; sisters, Sara Williams and Karen Williams and husband Kurt Filbert; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives; and a host of friends; special brothers, Mickey Hodnett and Don Grobowsky; special niece, Kim Glenn; and his beloved pound dog, Bella.

The family would like to offer their deepest gratitude to his friend and doctor, Dr. Laurence Tokaz and his staff at Texas Oncology, Dr. Shaun McKenzie, and the nurses at South Austin Medical Center Intensive Care Unit.

A Celebration of Mike's Life will be at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, 18, 2016, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 3701 W. Slaughter Lane.

In lieu of flowers, please send a contribution in Mike's memory to Austin Pets Alive at www.austinpetsalive.org.

Memorial Service

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 | 2:00 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church

3701 W. Slaughter Lane, Austin, Texas 78749

Driving Directions