



Dr. Michael L. Hummel

November 12, 1956 - March 19, 2024

Michael L. Hummel, Ph.D., 67, of Coal Center, passed away on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. A son of the late Joseph and Helen Meyer Hummel, he was born in Moundsville, WV on November 12, 1956. Michael was a tenured and full-ranked Senior Professor of Criminal Justice and Security Studies at Penn Western University in Pennsylvania (California Campus). Mike was also a certified police officer in the state of Pennsylvania and served (part-time) as an active-duty patrol officer at the Charleroi Regional Police Department and Monessen Police Department. Dr. Hummel is also a retired military officer with 22 years of service in various leadership positions to include Commander of a law enforcement company (HQ) and Special Reaction Team Commander at 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, Infantry Scout Platoon Leader, and numerous special security/combat operations. He also served with the 2/75 Ranger Unit at Ft. Lewis, WA as a team leader and squad leader. He has combat service with the 2/75 Rangers and the 101st Airborne Division and has conducted real-world policing operations as a military police officer and as a municipal police officer in Pennsylvania. Mike worked in both the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy in law enforcement and security roles. He served as the Director of Performance, Assurance, Safety, Law Enforcement and Security for the Department of Energy (WSRS). Mike also served as assistant professor of political science at the United States Military Academy, West Point. Dr. Hummel earned his Ph.D. from Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York, 2000,

Department of Social Sciences/Organization and Leadership, TC, and a Masters Degree in Philosophy. He also earned a Master of Public Administration Degree from the School of Public and International Affairs at Columbia University in New York. Mike is the author of numerous publications on counter-criminal/terrorist and security operations and has developed or chaired 11 regional conferences on international and homeland security to include active shooter conferences on the protection of academic institutions and places of worship. Mike has been inducted as a Distinguished Member of the US Army Ranger Training School at Ft. Benning, GA (currently Ft. Moore). Mike's Military Service Awards, Tactical School Qualifications, and Decorations include: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, National Service Medal, Combat Parachute Jump, Bronze Star, Expeditionary Medal w/Bronze Arrowhead, Combat Infantry Badges (2), Southwest Asia Medal, Master Parachutist Jumpmaster Qualification Badge, Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, US Army Ranger School Graduate, Pathfinder Qualification Badge, Valorous Unit Award, Air Assault Qualification Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, and Special Forces Free Fall Jumpmaster Qualification Badge. Dr. Hummel is survived by three children, Nathan, Joseph, and Katie. Friends were received on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 2 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 9 P.M. in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300. www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com. Dr. Hummel, a retired military officer and purple heart recipient, will be laid to rest at the Arlington National Military Cemetery in Washington, D.C., where graveside services will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 9 A.M. All persons 16 years or older attending will have to show photo identification upon entry.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.
700 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
(724) 929-5300

Visitation

MAR 23. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside

AUG 7. 9:00 AM (ET)

Arlington Cemetery
Arlington, VA 22211

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Tribute Wall

JN

“ Really enjoyed Dr.Hummel no matter what he was teaching. Always said hi and talked years after graduation. As he would always say... "good stuff" thank you sir!

Jeffrey A Narchus - January 04 at 02:49 AM



“ My former Criminal Justice professor, Rest well sir.

Kevin R Phillips - November 08, 2025 at 08:52 AM

BM

“ I had the privilege of being a student in Dr. Hummel's classes during my undergraduate studies, and later worked for him as a graduate assistant during graduate school at Cal. I am so very sorry to learn of his passing. He was a stand-up guy, and one of the smartest, most brilliant professors I've ever known. My deepest condolences to his friends, family and colleagues. He will be greatly missed. Thanks for all the years of knowledge, wisdom, and friendship.

Brian Malloy - September 02, 2025 at 10:46 AM

SH

“ I just wanted to share with Michael's family. I met Micheal while a student at California University of Pennsylvania years ago. I was honored to lay christmas wreath at Mike's grave. Very much missed.



Susan Hutsenpiller - January 02, 2025 at 09:46 PM

WB

“ I had Major Hummel as a political science professor at West Point. He completely embodied the type of military leader we looked up to, and taught class with warmth and humor. I really enjoyed learning from him and share my condolences to his family on his far too early passing.

Wynne Beers - July 13, 2024 at 02:45 AM

KS

“ Mike was one of my best friends in life. I am better today for having known him. Mike was more than just a friend to me, as he was to so many that were placed under his charge, he was my mentor and an inspiration. Mike encouraged me to complete my undergrad and apply to OCS. He invested countless hours in helping me get ahead. He went the extra mile to ensure my application was accepted, and that I realized my full potential, even though he saw more in me than I did myself. We served together in peace and war. Our families grew close during those times. And I even got to see Mike's transformation from being the most amazing Ranger on the planet, to developing a passion for law enforcement as he began his branch detail assignment with the 101st Military Police. Mike had a passion for service and commitment to the US Army and the Rangers like none I have ever seen before. He was the real deal that so many Hollywood actors pretend to be on screen. He brought the same "Ranger" passion for excellence and achievement to the Military Police Corps and then to his career in higher education. I miss you Mike, but I believe we will meet again. And when we do meet again, I will not let the air out of your sleeping mattress if you do not put hot sauce on my canteen :) Rangers Lead the Way.

Keith Shadrick - May 28, 2024 at 08:36 AM

VR

“ I think the last time I saw Mike I was still in high school. Very sad to see my classmates dwindle. My heart goes out to his family and all who knew him. I hope they find comfort in warm memories.
Vera Rasnake



Vera Rasnake - March 25, 2024 at 06:16 PM

CR

“ Michael was without a doubt, a True American Patriot. Whoever said "One person can not make a difference", did not know Michael Hummel.
I am deeply honored to have been his friend. May he always rest in peace.
Chuck Ryan

Chuck Ryan - March 24, 2024 at 01:11 PM

DS

“ So sorry for the family loss. He was a great guy and friend. Rip Mike you will be lost . I will miss you buddy.



Dewayne and sherry staley - March 23, 2024 at 02:55 PM

CS

“ courtney shomo lit a candle in memory of Michael Hummel



courtney shomo - March 22, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.



March 22, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ Mike (Doc) Hummel, you will truly be missed by everyone's life you touch, especially mine. From the countless hours on the range to working along side you. You will always be in my heart brother. One of my best friends and the guy I would have definitely taken a bullet for. Love you Buddy, see you soon Brian M



Brian Mickens - March 22, 2024 at 09:36 AM



He always had good things to say about you on the times I've heard him speak about you. ❤️

Gwen Morris - March 23, 2024 at 06:08 PM



“ Heartfelt condolences to Dr. Hummel's family. I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Hummel as support staff at the previous Cal U Department of Justice, Law & Society. A unique individual who will be greatly missed. Peace in your eternal rest, sir.

...Oscar (Butch) Widing.

Oscar (Butch) Widing - March 21, 2024 at 05:19 PM

ME

“ Dr. Hummel was a wonderful professor, unofficial mentor, and role model for me at Cal U. I will miss him greatly.

Marcus Englert - March 21, 2024 at 05:01 PM

OW

“ First of all, my wife and I wish to convey our heartfelt condolences. I worked with Dr. Hummel as support staff in Azorsky Hall in the previous Justice, Law & Society Department at Cal U. We shared some military stories and grew a little closer than a typical boss, support staff perhaps would have. He will be greatly missed! Rest in peace from Oscar (Butch) Widing & Florence Cimera.

Oscar Widing - March 21, 2024 at 04:58 PM

BB

“ Dr. Hummel was an amazing instructor and role model for members of the law enforcement community. His knowledge and commitment to service will live on through the students that he instructed at Calu/Penn Western. Rest in peace, Dr. Hummel. With our greatest respect - Calu DCJ Cohort 2



Brenda Bernot - March 21, 2024 at 11:23 AM

CS

“ Chris S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.

Chris S. - March 21, 2024 at 09:08 AM

PN

“ Paul N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.

Paul N. - March 20, 2024 at 10:46 PM

JK

“ Saddened and shocked when I read about Mike today. While I mostly remember Mike as the younger, ornery kid who always seem to wear white tee shirts, I remember years later when he returned to Marshall County to run for sheriff. His accomplishments at the time really impressed me. It appears he only added to his resume afterwards. Mike showed all those who grew up in the 60's/70's from Moundsville it's not where you started but how you ended up in life. Dr. Hummel made the world a better place during his time here. My thoughts and sympathy go out to all of his children and many friends.

Jay Knapp - March 20, 2024 at 06:51 PM

DA

“ Dr. Alkhattar lit a candle in memory of Michael Hummel



Dr. Alkhattar - March 20, 2024 at 06:28 PM

ZF

“ Zollars Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.

Zollars Family - March 20, 2024 at 06:25 PM

ZF

“ *Zollars Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.*



Zollars Family - March 20, 2024 at 06:25 PM

SP

“ *I am so blessed to be able to call Mike a childhood friend. We grew up on the same street a few house apart. I have many memories of Mike and his parents and sister. I have always been so proud of Mike and his accomplishments. His mother, Helen, would visit my mother often and tell her all about Mike. When I found Mike on Facebook, it was a joyous reunion in my heart, as there is something special about childhood friends. May God bless his family. Eternal rest grant unto Mike, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Sallie Price-Dalton - March 20, 2024 at 04:35 PM

DA

“ *My dear friend (buddy) Mike. You will be always remembered by the good days we had at Cal U/ Penn West. I will not forget the nice time we spent in Jordan few years ago. Your friends in Jordan, and I, send our deepest condolences to your family. May God bless your soul. Rest in peace.*

Dr. Alkhattar - March 20, 2024 at 01:19 PM

DF

“ Dr. Alkhattar & the Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.

Dr. Alkhattar & the Family - March 20, 2024 at 12:45 PM

DF

“ Dr. Alkhattar & the Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.



Dr. Alkhattar & the Family - March 20, 2024 at 12:45 PM

GK

“ Prayers for the Hummel family as you celebrate Mike's life! Mike was a great RANGER, Soldier friend and patriot. I had the privilege serve as Mike's Platoon Sergeant in 3d Platoon, A Company, 2d Battalion (RANGER), 75th Infantry. Mike excelled as a Soldier and RANGER. He went to Ranger School with less than three months in the Battalion. He was an excellent Machine Gunner and Team Leader. He taught his Rangers the "Orders Process" through using the weekend party as the mission. He was a physical fitness animal. There was never an easy PT Day with Mike! America lost a great Patriot when Mike died. Until Valhalla, RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!

gERRY KLEIN - March 20, 2024 at 10:56 AM

PR

“ went to school with Michael. he was one of a kind. he will be missed by all. rest in peace my friend.

patty rozman - March 20, 2024 at 10:27 AM

TF

“ The Cencich Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.

The Cencich Family - March 20, 2024 at 09:11 AM

TF

“ The Cencich Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.



The Cencich Family - March 20, 2024 at 09:11 AM

MK

“ I met Mike through the University. He was such a great man to speak to. I am so very sorry for the families loss! We will feel his loss here on campus as well! May God Bless you! Mary Kirk

MARY C KIRK - March 20, 2024 at 08:25 AM

KS

“ Karen Stewart lit a candle in memory of Michael Hummel



Karen Stewart - March 20, 2024 at 04:32 AM

JK

“ To the Hummel family,

Shocked and sadden to read online about Mike's passing. I didn't know him well growing up. Mostly remember him as the ornery, younger kid always wearing a white tee shirt. Last saw him when he came home to run for Sheriff a few decades back. He had quite a resume then, and by his obit, he did nothing but improve it. A JMHS graduate who made the world a better place. Society needs more DR. MIKE HUMMELS. His family should be very proud.

Jay Knapp - March 20, 2024 at 12:11 AM



“ *Dr. Hummel was my favorite professor despite how tough he was on me. He single handedly shaped me into the person I am today through this incredible teaching abilities. I wanted to shake his hand and thank him in person during graduation this May. Thank you Dr. Hummel for impacting my career as a professional and a student. May you rest peacefully.*

Mira Rolin - March 19, 2024 at 08:32 PM

MF

“ *Rest in Peace Brother.....
My sympathies to the Hummel family. Take peace in knowing that Mike was well respected & liked. Myself included.....*

Michael Fendya - March 19, 2024 at 08:03 PM

U(

“ Uncle AL (Manso) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.



Uncle AL (Manso) - March 19, 2024 at 06:50 PM

MM

“ Michael was as many know the definition of a true American patriot and warrior. It was an honor to know him.

Michael Miles - March 19, 2024 at 06:38 PM

PK

“ Pete and Megan Kotula planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.

Pete and Megan Kotula - March 19, 2024 at 06:29 PM

PK

“ Pete and Megan Kotula purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.



Pete and Megan Kotula - March 19, 2024 at 06:29 PM

RT

“ Robert T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.

Robert T. - March 19, 2024 at 06:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael L. Hummel.*



March 19, 2024 at 05:28 PM



“ *The truest example of a warrior and a scholar. I always enjoyed our time training together, grabbing lunch or a cold beer, and the laughs! My sincere condolences to your family. I will miss you. Rest in peace brother.*

~ Bob Copechal

Robert Copechal - March 19, 2024 at 04:53 PM