



## Thomas M. Hammel "Mike"

October 8, 2024

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Scottsville: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at age 69. Predeceased by his wife, Kathy. Survived by his children, Rheytechul and Thomas (Danielle); granddaughters, Layla and Lainey; brothers, Bill and Steve; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Mike was an extremely proud veteran who served in the United States Air Force. He thoroughly enjoyed attending the Rochester air shows and was signed up to participate in the Honors Flight Program. Mike was the oldest of three siblings. His younger brothers, Bill and Stephen, are veterans as well. Prior to living with Kathy in Scottsville, he was an active member of the Churchville Lions Club. He was recognized as Lion of the Year in 2009 and also received the Melvin Jones Fellow recognition for his dedicated services to the Lions Club.

He was a proud grandpa and was always quick to show people his two beautiful granddaughters, Layla and Lainey.

One of his true loves were the mountains and scenery in Colorado, recently taking vacations to visit friends.

Walking through his home, his passion for music was second to none. Whether he was playing it from his massive collection, or had his favorite bands on display.

He was always willing to help in any way and people found comfort around him.

As a dad, he was a wealth of knowledge and provided guidance and support, always being there.

Family and friends may call Sunday 10am-12pm at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Mike's name.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

OCT **13**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

RB

“ I was in the military with Mike. We shared a cinder block bungalow outside of George Air Force Base California. We had had a party tonight before and everyone was still sacked out. Mike got up and played Pink Floyd "Time" and awoke everyone. We used to go camping all the time as there was a real large gang of us that hung around constantly. I think about him many times think back to those great experiences we had. I only regret it as I did not gotten back in touch with him before now. I will miss you my brother Mike.

Richard Bland - September 28, 2025 at 07:25 AM

RB

Please excuse the poor grammar. I need to get into the habit of checking what I voice....

Richard Bland - September 28, 2025 at 07:28 AM

BW

“ Oh Tom,  
I am so sorry about your dad. What a wonderful man! He and Bill had so much fun as fellow Lions, and especially playing together in Dr ROCit. Fond memories for me too. He and Bill are probably rocking together right now. And he and Cathy are forever together as well. Praying for comfort and peace for you and your family.  
Barb Walence

Barb Walence - October 13, 2024 at 04:09 PM

JA

“ Mike we will miss you. It was always great to see you sit behind your drum kit. I loved our time in Dr. ROCit. You were the steady beat to our melody.

JULIO M. AHUMADA - October 13, 2024 at 12:00 PM

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“ Sandra . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas M. Hammel "Mike".

Sandra . - October 13, 2024 at 09:57 AM

MA

“ Michael A. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas M. Hammel "Mike".



Michael A. - October 11, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas M. Hammel "Mike".



October 11, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ Very sad news - I had the pleasure of playing in a band with Mike for over 8 years. He had an amazing spirit and heart as big as a room. Darn good drummer and a great band mate.

Ronald Motsay - October 11, 2024 at 10:08 AM

MT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Mike Tracey** - October 10, 2024 at 09:02 PM

GP

“ Wow! Talk about a punch in the gut... :( Mike and I worked together at Star Headlight for years... No shortage of music stuff, and stories around him, (Lama Jama, right?). Always a jokester, so fun to be around... He would always make CD's and give them out at Christmas time, still have them all... We were in dire need of someone at Star, with his skill set, and this sales rep said, "Hey I know a guy..." and the rest is history. Always shared fond stories of his Wife (Cathy, RIP) and his kids. I "think" he was in the Navy, and man, some of the stories he told... Glad he was on our side! So many memories... Mike, you will be sadly missed by more people than you realize. You and Cathy are together now... RIP Brother.

*Glenn Patterson*

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**glenn patterson** - October 10, 2024 at 01:36 PM

GP

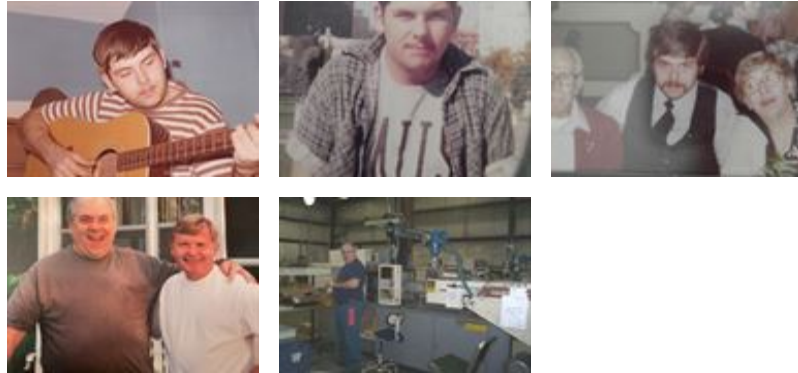
*Sorry, my bad, Mike was in the Airforce.... Brrrrrt*

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**glenn patterson** - October 10, 2024 at 01:49 PM



“ 56 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - October 10, 2024 at 01:12 PM

SH

“ Mike was my brother in law and was always still considered that. We have share many great times together as well as with family. I was pretty shocked to hear his passing as I just recently talked to him, and he shared his beautiful grandchildren that he was so proud to be a grandpa. My sincere condolences.to his family. He will be missed RIP my friend.<3



Sophie Hammel - October 10, 2024 at 12:20 PM

CJ

“ Christopher J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael T. Hammel "Mike".

Christopher J. - October 10, 2024 at 11:27 AM

JS

“ Mike was a dear friend, Churchville neighbor for many years. Mike was Jeff's BEST Man at our wedding, and a best man he's always. Mike and Jeff shared music together as they went to see Pink Floyd in Cleveland 1977. Mike you will be missed. Love ya. Fly high with Cathy.

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**Jeff and Kathy Stevenson** - October 10, 2024 at 11:18 AM

EM

“ Hearing of Mike's passing hit so hard. Mike was my boss at Star Headlight. He helped me go from operator to machine set up. He was happy to show me the ropes! That was 8 years ago and now I'm an industrial machine mechanic and I owe a lot of that to my boss man and friend, Mike. Mike introduced me to the band Halestorm and we went to a show together at the Main St Armory and we had a blast! Mike and his knowledge will be extremely missed but always remembered. My condolences to his children whom he spoke very highly of and I hope he and Kathy are enjoying some fantastic music together.



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**Emily Malone** - October 10, 2024 at 11:16 AM