



Mr. Terry "Mike" Dozier

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Terry Michael "Mike" Dozier passed away while surrounded by family and friends on June 26th 2020, at the age of 68. Throughout his life he remained a devoted husband, loving father, consummate teacher and loyal friend.

Mike was born on October 4th 1951 in Pensacola Florida and was raised there by his grandparents, Carl and Elizabeth Abrams. At the age of 18, he joined the U.S. Army, for which he served 28 years. Twenty-four of those years he served in the Army Special Forces. He retired as a Chief Warrant Officer III in 1997, a decorated wartime veteran, having earned numerous accommodations, medals and awards celebrating his leadership skills, bravery, and talent. As a highly skilled and motivated soldier, he was Special Forces, Ranger and Pathfinder qualified. Additionally he was a Master Parachutist, Expert Infantryman and an excellent skier. He spoke English, German, French and Czech languages.

His commitment and dedication to excellence was demonstrated through a long career of challenging U.S. and overseas assignments including:

Ranger School Instructor

Detachment A in Berlin, Germany

Multiple operational positions in U.S. Army 10th Special Forces Group

U.S. Special Forces Operations Command Central

After retirement from the Army, he spent 15 years working for the U.S. government in personnel recovery and unconventional warfare. Regarded as an expert in these fields, he was highly esteemed and sought out by his colleagues. Throughout his life, he tirelessly demonstrated and vigilantly perpetuated an expectation of quiet professionalism, excellence and integrity.

In his spare time he nourished a deep passion for music, world travel, cooking, fly-fishing, and mountain life. He loved spending time with friends and family and effortlessly drew people together for laughs, stories, and a sense of community.



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He is survived by his wife of 33 years Tonya Dozier, his daughters Shaila and Rhyann Dozier, his nephew Michael McLeod, and countless extended family members and friends who loved him dearly.

In honor of Mike, a military burial will be held at a date to be announced at Barrancas National Cemetery at Pensacola Naval Air Station. There will be a celebration of life at a time yet to be determined.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of Mike's dedication to service, the family requests that donations be made to [Wounded Warriors/disabled veterans fund/charity of your choice].



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Tim Dozier posted:

My memories of Mike different I grew up with him in Pensacola off and on then he went off to join the service. I moved to Orlando with my three sisters until I join the Air Force and went back to Pensacola to spend time with Grandma and Grandpa. I saw Mike when Grandpa died that's the only time I ever saw him cry and of course when grandma died so we didn't see much of each other after that been trying to get a hold of him for years to get some pictures of Grandma and Grandpa which we never were able to get together. So my deepest condolences Tanya Shayla and Ryan if you would when you get a chance call me 850-376-4932 my prayers go with you all love Tim Dozier

December 6 at 5:33 AM



Frederick Brooking posted:

Mike, so sad, u were a mench, from devens to dli to berlin, u were a super trooper, peeps gona miss your essence, and u did beat me once at chess

March 5 at 10:20 PM



Elizabeth Plotner posted:

Tonya, Shaila, & Rhiannon, I was so saddened to here of Mike's passing. I know we aren't in close contact, but I remember our time as neighbors and friends often. My heart gone as out to all of you! May you find peace in many happy memories!With condolences,Elizabeth Plotner

July 18 at 6:43 PM

JT Joan Thomas August 5 at 9:24 AM

I have a very vivid memory of Mike at Pat's (Bebapa) funeral. I was standing next to Mike, who was looking so handsome in his dress uniform. He stood at attention rendering a salute as the flag was folded and presented to Marie (Memama). Tears were streaming down his face. Mike's display of honor, respect and emotion showed a side of him that was so impressive. It still bring tears to my eyes to this day especially hearing of his passing. Tonya, Shaila, and Rhyann, I pray that the tears are quickly turned to smiles as you remember the fun time. My condolences, Joan (Cena's friend)



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DR

Don And Jayne Robblee posted:

I was on the same Team as Mike a long time ago, we were on the same team in the 10th SFG good young man at that time. We were all young at one time. I recall one year we had the responsibility to teach Survival to the Summer Camp for the I believe it was 71 or 72 East Coats ROTC Graduating Officers class at Indian town Gap, PA. I had the pleasure of attend a function with our old Team Sgt a few years ago at what used to be Ft Devens it was a 10th Gp Get together, and CSM Bobby Clark was in attendance as well . Of course, the old times came about and we all wondered what had happened to Mike, and I was told he was in Berlin, prior to my assignment as the CSM to the follow on Unit there. Mike was a good soldier, and Both Jayne and I send our condolences to his family.CSM Retired, Don and Jayne Robblee, May he rest in peace .

July 16 at 5:39 AM

PB

Patrick Baker posted:

It's safe to say, that I wouldn't be where I am today, if it wasn't for Mike. I served three great years along side Mike when he was a PR Manager in Naples. He was a good man and friend. My Wife Megan and I pass our sincerest condolences to his family and hope they are encouraged by multitudes of lives this man has impacted.

July 13 at 2:00 AM

JF

Jill Foster posted:

It was a joy and privilege to know Mike, from our Berlin days to the present and beyond. He was a true loyal friend and soldier. My deepest condolences to Tonya, Shaila, and Rhyann.Our loss is his gain as he sees our Lord and reunites with his brothers who preceded him. Having Mike and Mitch together again could wreak some heavenly havoc.Jill Foster

July 11 at 2:34 AM

CJ

Carla And Bill Jones posted:

Mike, it was an honor to know you. We wish we had more time....Thank you for your excellent service to our country and our people. You quietly did the amazing.

July 3 at 6:24 PM



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CS

Col Bill Davis, Sf, Ret posted:

Dear Tonya, Shaila and Rhyann "Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit; aber ich will euch wiedersehen und euer Herz soll sich freuen, und eure Freude soll niemand von euch nehmen." Johannes 16:22 Both Susan and I were saddened to hear of Mike's passing. Please accept our deepest condolences and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. I had the privilege of serving with Mike in Berlin. This Special Forces Warrior's dedication and devotion to God, Country, and Family is a legacy that will remain for generations. As you endure these sorrowful days, take comfort in knowing that for Mike, life did not end but only changed. As a Spiritual gift for you, Mike shall be remembered daily in the Liturgy of the Hours and placed in the Book of Remembrance at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia. He will also be honored with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Pensacola, Florida and a Votive Candle lit in his memory at Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church in Virginia Beach. With love and God's blessing to you all. COL & Mrs. Bill Davis, SF (Ret)

July 3 at 6:25 AM

BD

Brent Delorier posted:

I first met Terry (Mike) at Ft. Devens, 10th Special Forces Group in 1977 and quickly became good friends and later a brother Chief Warrant Officer. Though our SF careers and life took us down a different path, our paths crossed many times over the years. My sincere condolences to Tonya and the Dozier family. Mike you will be missed but never forgotten. Rest in peace my friend.

July 3 at 4:50 AM

KP

Kola Payne posted:

Yesterday, we told my youngest daughter that Uncle Mike had passed away. She's only seven and in her eyes, Uncle Mike was Santa Claus and a cigar chewing mountain man rolled into one. He was kind and he was funny, with twinkling eyes and a soft heart. That was her Uncle Mike. After we told her, she didn't say much; just went back to what she was doing. Later, when I was putting her to bed, she started crying. When I asked why, she said she missed Uncle Mike. I said, "but honey, Uncle Mike's in a better place now." And she looked up at me, almost in disbelief, as if I didn't understand the situation at all. Then with teary eyes, and breaking voice, my little girl said, "but Daddy not for us. He's not in a better place for us." I had no response, because there was no response. She'd called out that tired old cliché and she was right. And Uncle Mike would have smiled. He's in a better place now, but not for us. Rest in peace my brother.

July 2 at 10:52 AM



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EN

Erick Nason posted:

Mike was our team warrant when I arrived at Tolz, and assigned to ODA-031. I received the "Welcome to the Team" brief and what was expected of me. Told me to not loose my Ranger bearing, to have a tough skin because on the team, if you go down, we'll kick you, and from now on your Nickname is Aag." Mike wanted you to learn, to expand and he was a great mentor for it. He wanted you to immerse yourself, get involved. I learned much from him while on the team, going from a UW team to a CIF team. Learning what it was to be a Special Forces NCO. Then after I retired and went to work for the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency, I would meet up with Mike again, supporting exercises for Army units, collaborating on Joint and Service Personnel Recovery. A wealth of knowledge, that will be sorely missed. Erick "Aag" Nason

July 2 at 10:35 AM

DC

Danny Cooper posted:

My condolences to Mrs Dozier, Shaila, Rhyann, and Michael. Mike and I served with 10th Special Forces Group at Bad Tolz, Germany, late 1980s. I respected Mike. May God comfort his wife, daughters, nephew and family. Sincerely, Danny Cooper

July 2 at 9:46 AM

DC

Danny Cooper posted:

My sincere condolences to Mrs. Tonya Dozier, Shaila, Rhyann, Michael, and extended family. I also met Mike while assigned to 10th Special Forces Group at Bad Tolz, Germany, 1987-1990. I liked and respected him. May God comfort his wife, children, nephew and family. Respectfully, Danny Cooper

July 2 at 9:33 AM

KB

Kent Bolster posted:

Mike was a tremendous individual, husband, soldier. I can remember his tireless work ethic, his finely honed Special Forces skills, his language capabilities and, in particular, his ability to motivate people to do their best. And, although he was physically limited due to a near life-ending GSW, he was always out there with his Team, in front, contributing, teaching, mentoring, coaching and being the great leader he was. God Bless Mike, Tonya and the entire Dozier clan in this time of great difficulty. He will not be forgotten.

July 2 at 9:15 AM



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KJ

Kent R. Jones posted:

I met Mike for the first time while stationed together in Bad Tölz, Germany. One particular summer, Mike and three other well respected soldiers were tasked by the battalion leadership to develop and implement an unconventional warfare course. During that time, I was less experienced than many in the battalion and attendance was very competitive. Mike went to bat for me and convinced the leadership that I was ready. Through his persistence, I was given a slot for attendance. The skills he taught and I put into practice stayed with me throughout my career as a Special Forces Soldier. Years later during my retirement ceremony, I singled him out to express my gratitude for his confidence in me and his mentorship so many years before. Thanks Chief for raising the bar high and instilling others to reach for their greatest potential. Rest Easy. De Oppresso Liber.

July 2 at 8:32 AM

ER

Erin Redmond posted:

Like many others I met Chief Dozier in Germany. My team sergeant, MSG Ferguson introduced me to Mike and that served as my indoctrination to Mike's quiet professionalism. It goes without saying that Mike was an exacting technician of his craft. Years have gone by and I still try to follow Mike's example and I would like to think part my continued work in the Department of Defense has been shaped by him. Until we meet again, PZ clear Mr. Dozier, PZ Clear.

July 1 at 4:07 PM

KL

Karen Lamond posted:

We met Mike and Tonya when our kids were quite young. Mike was my son's soccer coach. Mike and Tonya opened up their home to us and to all of the team and family members. He was an excellent role model for the kids. My son always looked up to him and has very fond memories. Mike had a larger than life personality and was always fun to be around. We have had many friends over the years but few have embedded themselves into our hearts the way Mike and Tonya have. Tonya, Rhyann, & Shaila, I know that he will be watching over each of you... until you meet again one day. We are so sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers at this very difficult time. Karen & Craig Lamond

July 1 at 3:52 AM



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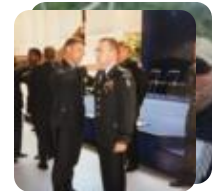
Robert Gee posted:

Rest In Peace Mike. It's been nearly 35 years since we last saw each other. However, my wife and I often relive our memories of being in Berlin. You in the Army and me in the Air Force. To Mike I was his Air Force buddy or Mr McGoo as he frequently called me. We shared many good times together during this time. For me Mike was a straight forward and honorable man. Someone you could trust to have your back. To the Dozier Family - My wife and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences. Mike will continue to guide you in life through the good times as well as the bad times (such as this). Cherish his memory and keep the faith. Sincerely, Mr & Mrs Robert Gee, MSgt USAF (Retired)

June 30 at 7:00 PM



Todd Sowerby shared 2 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



June 30 at 4:13 PM



Todd Sowerby July 1 at 4:52 PM

Mike was Patriot, Warrior, Mentor, and my Friend. Pröst



Shaun P Driscoll posted:

God bless our Brother Mike and his family... till we meet again... DOL... ㅠㅠㅠㅠ

June 30 at 1:26 PM



Karen Lamond posted:

We met Mike and his family when our children were very young. He was my son's soccer coach and my son looked up to him and still does to this day. He opened up his home to us and to all of the kids and families on the team. We have had many friends over the years but this family is deeply embedded in our hearts. Mike had a bigger than life personality and was always fun to be around. I know that he will be watching over you Tonya, Rhyann, & Shaila... until you all meet again. You all are in my prayers. Sending you love!Karen & Craig Lamond

June 30 at 12:52 PM



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Greg Sanson posted:

I am fortunate and proud to have experienced mentoring from Mike Dozier. I am a better person for this and became more proficient in Joint PR. RIP Mike, cover us from above, So Others May Return with Honor

June 30 at 11:50 AM



Mike Dragan posted:

Almost everyone I know in the PR community has worked for or with Mike at one time or another (or enjoyed two fingers of whiskey with him--Redbreast I think). He was my PR deployment boss and mentor in 2009. He was generous and thoughtful--my "man in Virginia" when I needed something in Iraq. I often did--and he always delivered. "God bless you Mike Dozier."

June 30 at 7:19 AM



Aaron Zaccagnino shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Tonya, thank you for sharing Mike (your best friend keeper of your dreams) with America...To your daughters, they will miss their father and life trainer/ teacher- thank you as well.... we will miss our brother dearly and will forever be young in our hearts and memories- DOL



June 30 at 3:23 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Dozier family.



June 29 at 2:58 PM



Gw Satterfield shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



June 29 at 1:22 PM



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Gw Satterfield sent a Heavenly Sentiments Spray to the Dozier family.

June 29 at 1:19 PM



John Carey shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

June 29 at 12:50 PM



Monica shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

June 29 at 12:33 PM





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Mike Dozier and Todd Sowerby on the lake



Tim Dozier December 6 at 5:05 AM

Hello this is Tim Dozier, Mike's brother. I just heard about this from Lisa. My condolences I wish you would contact me, I've been trying to get a hold of Mike for a long time 850-376-4932 thanks I hope you and the kids are doing well Tanya Shayla and Ryan.



TS



Mike came to Fort Rucker, AL to pin my New Warrant Rank



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John Carey shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

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Warrior Monk, Husband, Father, Mentor, Friend and Brother



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Monica shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

June 29 at 12:33 PM



Nessuno muore sulla terra finché vive nel cuore di chi resta... <3



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Terry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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