



## Alan Andrew Shirley

May 20, 1963 - June 29, 2025

Alan Andrew Shirley, 62, of Swan Point, Maryland, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 29, 2025, with his beloved wife by his side.

Born on May 20, 1963, Washington, D.C., Alan was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Melinda Jean Shirley; his daughter Leah Marie DeBoe and son-in-law Phillip DeBoe; and his cherished grandchildren, Sawyer James DeBoe and Logan William DeBoe. He is also survived by his mother, Carol Lee Melvin; his sister, Lisa Jean Macy; and his brother, Mark David Shirley. He was preceded in death by his father, Wesley Shirley, and his brother, Michael Wesley Shirley.

Alan dedicated many years of services to the Charles County Board of Education, where he worked as the Supervisor of Maintenance. Known for his strong work ethic and generous spirit, Alan was the kind of person neighbors and friends could always count on in a time of need.

A man of quiet strength and deep compassion, Alan made the selfless decision to be an organ donor, continuing to help others even after his passing.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Humane

Society of Charles County, a cause close to Alan's heart.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends and Family

JUL 9. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel

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# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Uncle Alan, it's heartbreaking to know that Cooper and I won't see you again in this life. You always made me feel like one of your own even if it had been years since I'd seen you last. Cooper adored you. He remembers laughing with you as a small child and that you always had presents for him stashed in the closet. My favorite memory of you is when Cooper and I came to visit in 2016 and you let Cooper control the remote-control helicopter while you held the helicopter and made it zoom around his head. I can hear his uninhibited little boy laugh in my mind anytime I think of that day. A close second is the summer you and Aunt Melinda let Leah and I each get our own pint of Ben & Jerry's ice cream for a sleepover. All my memories of you include feeling loved and laughing. I'm so grateful to have spent time with you this summer.

Cooper would like to share this message: I never really got to know Alan very well but I knew he was a good man. He would always play with me even if it meant using a baby voice to get me laughing. Him and I had so many good times together and I am so sad to see him go. I know I didn't get to say this very often but I hope he knew I loved him lots, and lots. I thank him for being there when I needed someone to play with or to get me laughing when I was feeling down.

We sure will miss you on our Maryland visits.  
Sarah Macy & Cooper Duffy

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Sarah Macy - August 08, 2025 at 10:23 AM

MS

“ With a very heavy heart and many tears, I look back on Alan’s life. I thank him for all the memories of wrestling all over the house, throwing sticks and dirt clogs at each other, jumping in piles of leaves, building all those tree forts, doing all the daredevil stunts he could think of, riding all those dirt bikes, making all those trails in the woods, running all over the department store when we would get new Chuck Taylor tennis shoes swearing we could jump higher and run faster, building all those schools, high-rise office buildings, condominiums. Alan was a leader and an asset at every company he worked at. He was affectionately known as the Hammer at Tyler Mechanical. He was a good son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. The world is not a better place without him. We will miss you until we see you again.  
With love Mark and family  
(P.S. Check in on our brother Mike. Tell him we love him too.)

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**Mark Shirley** - August 02, 2025 at 12:46 PM

AS

“ Uncle Alan, you were such a light in this world. Every family event we had you were always making jokes and laughing. You always went out of your way to make sure everyone was happy and taken care of. Whenever someone needed help you were always there no questions asked, your kindness did not go unnoticed. Family events will not be the same without you. Gone incredibly way too soon. We all love you so much & miss you more than words can say. Rest in Peace.

Love, Allison Shirley

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**Allison Shirley** - July 22, 2025 at 10:30 AM

KA

“ Uncle Alan, I miss you already. Thank you for all the fun times & laughs. Thank you for being there for me when I lost my Dad. You and I had a phone conversation nearly everyday for a full year. You picked up my spirits and helped me so much. You were always so wise & shared your wisdom with us all. I will never forget the times you treated me like your own. Family gatherings will never be the same without you. I wish I could hear you crack jokes one more time. The only thing making me smile, is knowing you and your brother are up there now laughing and having a good time & that you're together. You will always be missed. Rest in peace Uncle Alan.

Love Kaitlyn.

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Kaitlyn - July 18, 2025 at 04:38 PM

AS

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Love, Allison Shirley

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Allison shirley - July 22, 2025 at 10:28 AM

LM

“ Dear kind, hardworking, funny little brother. How we loved you! Your loss is more than we can bear. Your acts of kindness and service to your family and the community will never be forgotten. My memories of growing up together playing in the woods and your many antics still bring a smile to my face. The fact you could find humor in any situation certainly made our lives easier. I am so proud of the man you became and the life you made for yourself and family. Thank you for taking such good care of mom and your family. I'm so thankful for the family gathering we had the day before your passing, joking around and having fun like old times. Once again, you were at Mom's cleaning and scrubbing the front porch (taking care of her before we got together) after you had finished five side jobs! It was hard to hold you down. In fact, when you were little and needed a nap (to prevent you from having a meltdown when Dad got home from work), Mom literally had to hold you down on the bed briefly until you fell fast asleep. You were always on the go. Dear, sweet Alan, a child at heart, you have left us far too soon with holes in our hearts. May you rest in peace and know that you will live on in our hearts and minds forever. Thank you for everything little brother!  
All my love, Lisa

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**Lisa Macy** - July 18, 2025 at 07:11 AM

DJ

“ Dee Dee and Glenn Jones purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alan Andrew Shirley.



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**Dee Dee and Glenn Jones** - July 08, 2025 at 09:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alan Andrew Shirley.



July 08, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alan Andrew Shirley.

July 07, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Andrew Shirley.



July 07, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Andrew Shirley.



July 06, 2025 at 01:52 PM

JC

“ *Judy C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Alan Andrew Shirley.*



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**Judy C.** - July 05, 2025 at 08:09 AM

CD

“ *I have known this family all of my life. Miss Carol, Lisa & Mark , I send my deepest condolences to you all and I pray God gives you all peace in this very challenging time. May you all find peace. I love you all very much.*

*Alan was a great friend and an all around great person he will be missed tremendously*

*Carol Shotwell Dyer*

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**Carol dyer** - July 04, 2025 at 12:35 AM

KG

“ To Mrs. Shirley,

*My name is Kiera and I am the wife of Dontaiz. He was my husband's foreman for many years at Charles County. I would like to give you my deepest condolences for your loss. Over the years Don shared a lot about Alan. Alan believed in him and he was an amazing mentor to him. Outside of his guidance however, he was hilariously unique and down to earth. I believe his humor and kid at heart mentality is one of the things that will be missed, in addition to all the knowledge and resources he was able to share. I will pray for you, his daughter, son in law, grandchildren, mother ,the host of family, friends and all of those who grew to know and love him. I could not imagine the grief that you may feel and I pray GOD covers you with serenity. Take care 🌸*



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**Kiera Gibson** - July 03, 2025 at 05:38 PM

HB

*Alan was a kind and gentle man who always had a smile and kind word. My condolence to the family.*

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**Harriet Beck** - July 04, 2025 at 05:49 AM

DM

“ *Alan was such a kind and giving person. Always coming to fix my problems whenever I called. I just loved talking with him. He will be missed!*

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**Diana Merchant** - July 03, 2025 at 02:19 PM

LJ

*To Mrs Shirley,  
My name is Lloyd I went to school with Allen McDonough  
Then the last 6or7 years worked with him through my company as a  
contractor.iwas I heart broken to hear the sad news.bug he's at peace.  
I pray that you find peace in this sad occasion. And God bless his co-  
workers*

**Lloyd jenifer** - July 04, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the  
family of Alan Andrew Shirley.*



July 03, 2025 at 02:06 PM

MS

“ *Melinda our hearts break for you . Praying you can find some  
peace.*

**Michelle Summers** - July 03, 2025 at 12:40 PM

BM

*We have know Alan for so many years and are just devistated hearing  
this news. He grew up with my kids and all the neighborhood kids, went  
on vacations with us and was part of our family. To Melinda, our hearts  
are broken, we are praying for you and sending our deepest  
condolences to you and your family. 🙏*

**Barbara Martin** - July 04, 2025 at 06:48 AM

ZS

*Uncle Alan,*

*You were the best uncle anyone could ask for. You were always someone the whole Shirley family looked up to for advice, honesty, and leadership. You were very intelligent I know when my dad Mark Shirley ever needed help you for anything, you were the main one for him to call. When you, Mike, and my dad were working at muffies and I was invited to help I knew we would get the work done, but also have good laughs. I will never forget all the things you taught us when working on remodel houses. I will forever be thankful for that time you put in our heat pump/ac unit because it was 100 degrees outside and you said as you pay for it and help me install. I will miss seeing you every thanksgiving and Christmas. You and my father have always been my main role models.*

*Zach Shirley*

*Uncle Alan,*

*I have only been able to get to know you the last decade as being married to your nephew, Zach Shirley. With that being said I have witnessed so many wonderful encounters. Whether it be to help family/friends out in need or just to hang out at family events cracking jokes and making everyone laugh until they are crying. The last day I saw you, you were cracking jokes to my daughter Blakely and I about how big her bow was on her head. She gripped your finger so tight and just smiled at you so big. That will be a wonderful memory to hold in my heart and to tell Blakely when she gets older. May you eternally rest in peace.*

*Amanda Shirley*

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**Zach & Amanda Shirley** - July 29, 2025 at 06:17 PM