



Michael Wesley Shirley

January 21, 1958 - December 10, 2021

Michael Wesley Shirley, age 63 of La Plata, Maryland, died December 10, 2021.

Michael was a retired Mechanical Contractor at Tyler Mechanical and was a graduate of Thomas Stone High School's Class of 1976. He loved to fish, ride motorcycles, and build. He was also an electrician, a carpenter, and he also worked on the Lackey High School Pool Project, North Point High School construction, and Diggs Elementary School construction. He especially loved his daughter and his family.

Michael was the son of Bertram Wesley Shirley and Carol Lee Garrett Melvin. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his daughter, Kaitlyn Shirley; his brothers, Alan Shirley (and his wife, Melinda) and Mark Shirley (and his wife, Deborah); and his sister, Lisa Macy (and her husband, Glenn).

Funeral services will be private.

Tribute Wall



“ Happy Father’s Day. I love you!

Kaitlyn - June 15, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ Happy Heavenly Birthday Dad ☐

Kaitlyn - January 21, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ Happy Father’s Day ☐ love you.

Kaitlyn - June 16, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ Happy Birthday, I love you ❤️

Kaitlyn - January 21, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ Michael Wesley Shirley

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Michael Wesley Shirley

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ Happy Father’s Day dad ❤️

Kaitlyn Shirley - June 18, 2023 at 11:56 AM

KA

“ 1 year without you. It doesn't seem real. I went through our pictures last night and they made me feel better. You were always so fun to hang around when I was little. You were such a good dad. I miss you. I have a lot of regrets. I wish I reached out, I wish I checked on you. I wish I kept you up to date on my life. I would do anything for a re-do with you. I hope you're healthy, I hope you're safe & I hope you are happy. I think about you every single day. I wish you were here. I love you Dad.



Kaitlyn - December 10, 2022 at 02:47 PM

KS

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Kaitlyn Shirley - May 19, 2022 at 08:17 PM

KS

“ I come back to this once a week it feels like. I miss you Dad. I think about you every day and wonder how you are. I have so many memories with you and they all bring a smile to my face. I remember you used to tell me these little stories all the time when I was younger. You'd say “there once was a little rabbit, and a little birdie, and a little skunk” and you'd just go on and on with the story and make it up as you go. I remember we used to ride bikes all the time at Muffie's house together. You'd take me riding every where. We used to watch movies and play video games on your Nintendo 64. I wish those memories could last forever. I can still hear you call me Katie. I remember the one time you took me to Black Rock and we walked and walked and walked all the way to the top of the mountain. You found a mountain spring and we drank fresh water from it. I remember I was too scared to stand on the rocks and you told me it would be okay. When we got to the top to the rocks, I remember how fun and exciting it was. I remember our dollar tree trips & you'd let me buy anything I'd want. And our trips to the little candy shop on Berry Rd by Muffie's house. We used to stop in there all the time and get candy. You were such a good dad and I don't think you realized it. I look at your pictures often and I will forever cherish them. This will never get easier. I love you with my whole heart and I miss you more than you will ever know. Please take care of me from up there. You're my guardian angel. I love you Dad. Rest In Peace.

Kaitlyn Shirley - May 19, 2022 at 08:11 PM

SM

“ All my memories of you involve laughter. The can't breathe, snorting, don't pee you pants irreverent laughter of the Shirley family humor.

As a little girl my mom would point to every cement mixer we would pass and say it's uncle Mike! I remember visiting you in Laplata with Leah when we got old enough to run around on our own and having an incredibly fun joy filled visit cutting up and carrying on. I love you and I'm going to miss you.

Sarah Macy - December 22, 2021 at 07:48 PM

MS

“ Mike the funniest times i remember were on your boat. I remember when you slipped on the boat ramp and fell in the water. You were so mad. Then we hear Leah say "Uncle Mikey fell in the stinky seaweed." We all laughed even you. You were the one who gave Leah her Nick name of Leah Bean.

When you came to family functions you had everyone laughing when you told stories. You got Susie laughing and put a smile on her face. At Christmas you would bring a bag full of trinkets and dump the contents on the table and everyone would sort through it and get some useful items.

You will be missed. Rest in peace.

Melinda Shirley

Melinda Shirley - December 19, 2021 at 02:52 PM

LM

“Mike, I knew you might leave us at any time, but I was hoping and praying you wouldn't go. The shock of the news and finality that I'll never see you again are painful.

Thank you for 60 years brother! So many happy memories shared: playing in the woods and the tree forts you built us, riding our bikes and later motorcycles flying free with the wind beneath our wings; the tree fort where you hoisted me up on a tire rope and forgetting I was up there going in for dinner; you saving our furnace and house when the basement flooded (I don't know how you knew how to do all these things); you teaching me to drive your motorcycle and after stalling multiple times, giving me one last time yelling "Give it some gas!!" and away I went happy as could be; our shared high school English class where I would turn in two writing assignments (one for you and one for me) and your paper always received a higher grade even though I wrote them both! Ha! Ha!

Then we all grew up and went our separate ways remaining connected by our shared experiences and family gatherings.

This last year with you was one of the happiest and best with multiple lengthy visits all three times I was in Maryland, then texting back and forth, your helping Mom with all her projects, and you visiting with Alan and Mark at Mom's. If you had to go, I'm glad you left us with such nice memories.

Now you can leave all the worries and cares of this world behind and rest in peace. It's not goodbye, it's so long for now. I'll see you on the other side.

You will live on forever in my heart and memories. All my love Lisa Macy (Beanie)

Lisa Macy - December 16, 2021 at 10:10 AM

MS

“ Mike when I heard you left us the other day I broke down in tears. Thinking of all the good times we had working and growing up together. We would go from job to job installing a lot of plumbing and laughing and carrying on most of the time. Mike you always had my back out there and I had yours. I missed you the last few years when you retired. I wish I could have helped you more but life beats us down and pulls us in different directions. I caught up to my big brother mike for the last time about a month ago we drove down to look at my sons house. we had some good laughs like the old times. He told me mark are you still killing yourself on those jobsites. I said yes, he said keep going mark when you retire you go down hill. Looking back god gave us time to catch up one more time. Knowing your not down in laplata being grumpy anymore breaks my heart. we will miss you always RIP. This world cant hurt you anymore. With much respect your little brother and his whole family.

Mark Shirley - December 15, 2021 at 07:14 PM

TG

Rest In Peace Mike.

Tina Goldsmith - December 15, 2021 at 09:55 PM

KB

Godspeed Mike Shirley... Love and Prayers for your loved ones

Kevin berry - December 16, 2021 at 07:16 PM

KS

“ *Forever in my heart, I love you Dad. -Kaitlyn*



Kaitlyn Shirley - December 15, 2021 at 07:09 PM

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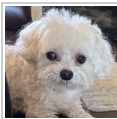
“ Love you Mike! I'm going to miss you. My heart is broken . Life's to short. I'm going to cherish all the great memories we had, when we were young the laughs we had, riding bikes, building tree forts, you taught me how to ride your first motorcycle and to work on cars, those old junk cars mom always had. You always loved boating but everything we went out on the boat it broke down. We also had a lot of laughs working at Tyler mechanical together. I'm proud to have had you for a brother for 58 years. I hope you can forgive me for any dumb things I ever did to you. You have to trust me now, I'm going to clean this all up and make you proud. I hope you approve. Rest in peace brother, I love you always. Alan Shirley (bubby)

Alan Shirley - December 15, 2021 at 04:55 PM

MJ

Mike, thanks for being a great neighbor. It's still hard to believe you're no longer here. The neighborhood isn't the same without you and all the other neighbors we've lost over the years. Rest in peace!

Marc Johnson - December 15, 2021 at 08:03 PM



Carol, Lisa, Alan and Mark - my deepest sympathies to you and your families. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Joan Goldsmith Bryan - December 19, 2021 at 08:37 AM