

In loving memory...



Calvin "Cal" Shirley

JULY 29, 1953 - MAY 20, 2026

CROSSROADS BIBLE CHURCH

Biography



Calvin Edward "Cal" Shirley, a remarkable man who lived a life of passion, purpose, and dedication, passed away on May 20, 2026, in Kirkland, Washington. Born on July 29, 1953, in Pasco, Washington, Cal was 72 years old at the time of his passing.

Cal grew up in Richland, Washington, the cherished son of Albert Jr. and Donnie Shirley. Though he was an only child following the stillbirth of his brother Buhl, Cal was raised alongside foster "siblings" in a loving and disciplined household. From an early age, he exhibited an extraordinary drive and work ethic. He attended local schools and graduated from Columbia High School in 1971. During his youth, Cal was a Boy Scout, delivered newspapers through all weather conditions, participated in Little League, excelled in track and football, and became an accomplished pianist—all while meticulously tending to his mother's garden and lawn with precision that reflected his perfectionist nature.

Cal pursued higher education at Northwest University, where he considered theological studies before ultimately deciding to focus on law and justice. He later graduated from the University of Washington with a degree that combined conservation and business—a reflection of his lifelong commitment to making a meaningful impact on the world around him.

Throughout his career, Cal demonstrated an unwavering dedication to serving others and championing causes close to his heart. Early on, he worked tirelessly to protect women and children through domestic violence advocacy, women's shelters, and juvenile probation services. His efforts earned him recognition from King County's Department of Human Services as well as the prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award.

Cal's professional accomplishments were equally impressive. With over 25 years of experience in senior leadership roles, he left an indelible mark on the energy sector. Beginning in 1995 with Snohomish County PUD as Senior Manager of Energy Services and Energy Efficiency Services, Cal quickly established himself as a leader in conservation efforts. He later joined Puget Sound Energy (PSE) as Vice President of Customer Energy Solutions, where he spearheaded groundbreaking initiatives to expand demand-side energy efficiency programs by over 200%. Under his leadership, PSE developed its first marketing team for renewable energy and launched significant renewable generation projects such as the Wild Horse Wind Facility and Kittitas County wind farms—projects that stand as enduring testaments to his vision and hard work.

In addition to his roles at PSE, Cal held senior positions with Seattle City Light, the City of Seattle, and King County. He also served on numerous boards and advisory committees, including the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, Leadership for Tomorrow, the Tateuchi Performance Center Advisory Board, and the Smart Buildings Center Board. His contributions extended beyond professional achievements; he was deeply committed to mentoring future leaders through the Executive Development Institute (EDI), where he guided students for over a decade.

Cal's passion for community involvement was matched only by his zest for life. A devoted member of Crossroads Bible Church when not traveling for work across all fifty states, he found joy in diverse pursuits such as sports cars (with a particular fondness for his Range Rover), Harley motorcycles, jazz music, art, photography, good food, movies, and spirited conversations with friends. Known for his sharp wit and love of learning, Cal cultivated meaningful relationships across varied circles of friends.

A self-proclaimed perfectionist—not out of competition but out of a desire to be the best he could be—Cal approached every endeavor with determination and excellence. His many awards will be displayed after the service as a tribute to his extraordinary life.

Order of Service

PRELUDE

SEEKING COMFORT IN GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Darryl Hung

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21 and Colossians 1:27

IN HIS OWN WORDS

A Word From Cal Shirley - Shared by Darilyn Lightner

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

A LIFE WELL LIVED

REMEMBRANCES

Ruben Rojas, Steve Starr, Michael Wehling, Bonnie Glenn

SLIDESHOW

PROCLAIMING HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION

SONG

In Times Like These

Marian Groce-Odom - Accompanied by Deanna Metz

MESSAGE

Pastor Christian Vargus

SONG

Amazing Grace

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Dennis Ray Odom