



Calvin LaVerne Shrull, Sr.

April 7, 1943 - October 22, 2023

Cal was born April 7, 1943, in Rapid City, South Dakota, to Ralph (38) and Stella (25) Shrull. He was the third of four children. His Family soon moved from their ranch in South Dakota to Northern California where he lived in Rio Dell, Scotia, and Fortuna. He graduated from Fortuna High School and married his high school sweetheart, Edith Rocha, right after graduation. While living in Scotia he worked at the Pacific Lumber Company in the Red Woods with his father and brothers.

Cal and Edith had three children, Rebecca “Becky”, Robert “Bobby” and Calvin “Chopper” Jr. As a family they lived in Fortuna and Felton, California. Cal had a love for animals and while in Felton they had dogs, cats, chickens, rabbits, pigeons, and horses. In the early 70’s, Cal and Edith separated; Cal, Becky, Bobby, and Chopper moved to Colorado to be with his brother.

While in Colorado, Cal, his three children, two brothers, their families and Uncle Bill lived in Livermore and ran the Lazy L Ranch. They would perform in the communities and at schools with Wild West performances, quick draw competitions, and telling Native American stories. They worked hard and played harder.

They would frequent the Red Feather Café where he met his second wife, Sharee Stevens, the daughter of the owners (Kenneth and Louise Stevens).

They were married in Fort Collins, Colorado, on November 28, 1975. Cal and Sharee lived in Northern Colorado for 16 years and had two daughters: Angela (Angie) and Caree.

Cal started his own roofing company, Mountain States Roofing, and worked in various other places such as Lone Star Steel, Fox Acres, and at night you could find him bartending at the Café. He always said he made the best Bloody Mary's. In the winters, Cal would go back to California to help his cousin Bob with Shrull and Sons Roofing in Gilroy California. Cal was the first person to do a shake roof that was intertwined with a pattern.

After their divorce, Cal and his daughter, Caree, moved to Fort Collins for a couple of years where he met the love of his life, Denise Martin. Denise was from Washington, and they were introduced by his Sister-In-Law Maggie Shrull. Distance knew no barriers for them, Cal and Dee started to write letters back and forth where their love grew. Denise and her son, Brian, moved to Cope, Colorado to be with Cal. While in Cope, Cal worked for the Arikaree School District, he roofed, and helped run Dee's Café. They also lived in Woodrow where they both worked for the School District. Cal built a custom fiber optics system for the entire district.

In 2000, Cal and Dee moved to the Denver area living in Wheatridge, Thornton, and finally settling down in Broomfield. Cal worked for Flat Irons Mall as a Construction Manager hand building all the kiosks you see today. While in Broomfield, he lost the love of his life, Dee, to cancer.

After Dee passed, Cal moved to Northern Colorado and lived in Milliken, Wellington, Fort Collins, Eaton, and Greeley. During these times, Cal worked as a Maintenance Supervisor for a HUD Disability Housing. In 2009, Cal decided it was time to retire.

Cal was an avid hunter, fisherman, lover of animals and nature. He loved his Native American ancestry and donated money to children on the reservation. He was a St Joseph's Dream Catcher.

There wasn't anything Cal couldn't do. He could build or fix anything. He spent his retirement making jewelry, covered wagons, and his greatest joy of all, his family. Cal had the biggest heart, best smile, contagious laugh, best storyteller, and he never met a stranger.

Cal is survived by Rebecca "Becky" Shrull, of Brighton, CO; Robert "Bobby" Shrull, of Westwood, CA; Calvin "Chopper" Shrull, Jr. (Heather Williams), of Fort Collins, CO; Dominic "Nick" Bond, of Lakewood, CO; Angela "Angie" (Floyd) Gardner, of Wellington CO; Brian (Ashley) Bond, of Round Lake Beach, IL; and Caree (Dennis) Rinebarger, of Eaton, CO; Sister Linda (Dave) Nicholson, of Lewiston, ID; along with 19 Grandchildren, 1 Grand cat, 15 Great-Grandchildren and 1 Great-great Grandchild; and many nieces and nephews that were all very special to him. Cal was preceded in death by his wife Denise Shrull, his brothers Leonard Shrull and Todd Shrull, his daughter-in-law Gayle Shrull, and great nephew Nick Sheridan.

A Memorial Service will be held 10am, Thursday, October 26, 2023 at Bohlander Funeral Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlander Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Calvin LaVerne Shrull, Sr.*



Bohlander Funeral Chapel - October 26, 2023 at 10:50 AM

JP

“ *Cal was such a nice guy and I am glad that I was able to know him. I last saw Cal about a year ago when he came over to Lyndsey and Kyle's house and it was so nice to visit with him again. Sending love and hugs to the Shrull family, I know he will be missed 🥺❤️*

Janet Plant - October 25, 2023 at 08:57 PM

JS

“ *I have a few memories going back to the days at Red Feather, at the Cafe and The Gopher Inn. Cal was a little ornery. He talked me into drinking Old Grandad Whiskey with him, to this day I don't care for whiskey ;) I'll always remember his friendly smile and how it would light the room up. Sending love and hugs to all of the Shrull family.*

Joyce (Hegge) Stokvis - October 25, 2023 at 08:09 PM

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“ Love you Uncle Cal.
Give everyone our love in heaven.
God bless 🙏💙



Misty - October 25, 2023 at 04:11 PM

CR

“ You were my ride or die and I was yours. Thank you for loving me unconditionally. Miss you Daddy.



Caree Rinebarger - October 25, 2023 at 01:35 PM