



Hard Work, Deep Roots

How Shevlin Concrete is paving the future of Pittsburgh

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For some, concrete is just a mix of water, aggregate, and cement. For Dave Shevlin, owner of Shevlin Concrete, it's a family legacy that stretches back four decades. Growing up in the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh, Dave didn't spend his summers at camp. Instead, by age ten, he was on job sites with his grandfather, Bob Shaw. He washed tools, moved gravel, and watched a master at work. Today, that "old-school grit" is the foundation of a business that is quickly becoming the gold standard for masonry in the Greater Pittsburgh area.



From a Shovel and a Prayer to Premier Projects

The journey wasn't always polished. "We started with a \$500 pickup truck, an old wheelbarrow, and hand tools," Dave recalls. "It was as archaic as it gets." While Dave was "pouring" his way through college—eventually earning a dual degree in Business Management and Marketing from Penn State—he was also building the backbone of his company. That blend of formal education and manual labor has created a unique edge: a construction company that prioritizes professional communication as much as it does a level pour.

More Than Just a Driveway

Whether it's a residential driveway, a decorative stamped patio, or a complex commercial floor, Shevlin Concrete approaches every job with the precision of a surgeon. Dave often tells anxious homeowners to "trust the process," jokingly referring to the demolition phase as "open heart surgery with a hammer." "It's scary those first two days when you look out your window and see jackhammers and excavators," Dave admits. "But within a few days, the passion for the work shines through." This dedication was recently on display in Treesdale, where the team



reconstructed an extensive front entry stoop and staircase for Jessica K. using a beautiful exposed aggregate finish. For Dave, these projects aren't just about curb appeal—they are about the trust residents place in him to care for their most valuable asset: their home.

A Pillar of the Community

You won't just see the Shevlin logo on freshly detailed trucks; you'll see it on the sidelines. A self-proclaimed "sucker for youth sports and the arts," Dave ensures his business gives back to the community that raised him. From supporting the world-famous Kiski Area marching band to the Kiski Valley youth football program and local theater, the company's success is shared with the next generation.

The Vision Ahead

Despite a consistent 10-12 week backlog, the mission remains simple: maintain the integrity Bob Shaw taught his grandson thirty years ago while providing a modern, professional experience. "I truly love what I do," Dave says. "Knowing how this all started with a shovel and a prayer... I feel blessed to provide these services."

At a Glance: Shevlin Concrete

- Specialties: Driveways, patios, decorative stamps, exposed aggregate, and retaining walls.
- Service Area: Greater Pittsburgh & Eastern Suburbs.
- The Difference: Dual-degree professional management meets third-generation craftsmanship.
- Community Roots: Proud supporter of Kiski Area sports and arts.

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