



Paul F. Sharp Sr.

September 7, 1938 - June 27, 2015

Paul Francis Sharp Sr., age 76, passed away Saturday, June 27, 2015 at Richard Murphy Hospice House in Hammond, La. Paul was born Sept. 7, 1938 in Centreville, La. to the late Wiley Howard and Melanie Louise (Ledet) Sharp Sr. He graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas School (now Holy Ghost Catholic School) in 1952 and Hammond High School in 1956, where he played football for the Tornados. He then accepted an athletic scholarship to Southeastern Louisiana University to pursue a bachelor's degree in Education and play football for the Lions during the game's "iron man era" under legendary Head Coach Stan Galloway. In 1958, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. and was based at Parris Island, South Carolina, where he played 2 years of service football with teammate Jim Mora, former head coach of the NFL's New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts. In 1961, he returned to Southeastern to complete his studies and played 2 more years of football for Coach Galloway's Lions, earning a career record for fumble recoveries and membership in the Southeastern "S" Club. He earned his degree from Southeastern in 1964 and served as a volunteer coach of the St. Paul's School Wolves football team in Covington, La. for a brief time.

A consummate outdoors man, Paul was in his element fishing and farming. Over the span of 50-plus years, he garnered an extensive career in construction management and heavy equipment operation and sales, working in association with such industry leaders as Byron Talbot Construction,

Enclean, John Deere, Kinco, Ogden-Gervais and Shell Oil, to name only a few. In the early 70's, he owned and operated Diamond S Construction, specializing in street and utility system installation.

During the 80's, Paul's professional career forayed into the political arena. It started with participation in the Executive Loan Program to Louisiana State Governor Dave Treen's Cost Control Commission in 1982. From there, Paul served as a Field Representative for Gov. Treen's Re-election Campaign in 1983. That same year, he was elected to serve his community as a Hammond City Councilman. He resigned his seat in 1985 to run for election as Mayor of the City of Hammond. His mayoral bid led to appointment as Organization Director for the Louisiana Republican Party through 1986. It was during this time frame that the party was credited with registering 30,000 new Republicans. From there, he joined the Henson Moore U.S. Senatorial Election Committee as a Field Representative in 1986. From there, Paul accepted an appointment as Special Assistant to Congressman Clyde Holloway for the 8th Congressional District of Louisiana—a position he held from 1987 to 1989.

Professional and civic affiliations of note throughout his lifetime included: the Ad Hoc Committee for the Capitol Resource Conservation and Development Committee, Associated Building Contractors, Associated General Contractors, Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce Congressional Committee, Hammond Jaycees, Holy Ghost Catholic School Board, Louisiana Municipal Association, and Southern University's Operation Small Farm Committee.

He is survived by his children; Julia Louise Sharp of Moorehead, Ky., Paul Francis Sharp Jr. of Hammond, Preston Howard Sharp (Cristy) of Beaumont, Texas, and Samuel Carter Sharp (Jennifer) of Ponchatoula; grandchildren, Adrienne Michelle King of Seattle, Wa., Robert Wayne King Jr. (Lisa) and Julian Ledet King of Nashville, Tenn., Alexandra Katherine Sharp of Tulsa,

Okla., and Samuel Colton, Shalako Carter and Bailey Jane Lanier Sharp of Ponchatoula; sisters, Beverly Ann Sharp Burgess (John) of Springfield, Melanie Louise Sharp Lanaux (Gaston) of Husser; brother, Michael Raymond Sharp (Judy) of Springfield; sister-in-law, Maude Saunders Sharp of Hammond; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews; and countless lifelong friends.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents; former wife, Mary Grace Ballew Sharp; and brothers, Wiley Howard Sharp Jr. and Thomas Simpson Sharp.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather to celebrate Paul's life at the visitation on Thursday, July 2, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home in Hammond, La.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to your local Wounded Warrior Project® (www.woundedwarrior.org) or the Richard Murphy Hospice Foundation (www.richardmurphyhospice.com). Online condolences may be offered at www.thompsoncares.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

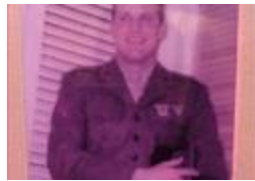
JUL 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA
12012 Highway 190 W
Hammond, LA 70401
(225) 567-1884

Tribute Wall



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Julia Sharp - June 27, 2019 at 09:14 AM

GT

“ Mike, Melanie, and Beverly, you are in my prayers.

Georgia Turgeau - November 27, 2015 at 12:04 PM

GT

“ I just did find out about Paul's passing. Our paths crossed often in the past during various Republican campaigns and it was always great to see him!! My condolences to the entire Sharp family.
Georgia Turgeau

Georgia Turgeau - November 26, 2015 at 11:17 PM

TG

“ Mike, Beverly, Melanie and family, so sorry to have missed the service for Paul. He was always friendly to me and always had a kind word about my Dad. Coach had quite a few Paul Sharp stories..always told with a twinkle in his eye! TAG

Tag Galloway - July 04, 2015 at 09:18 AM



“ Paul, Julia, Preston, Carter, and entire Sharp family, my sincerest condolences for your loss. Mr. Sharp was a great man with one impressive résumé. Thinking and praying for you in your time of grief. I wish I could be there with you.

John Bonaccorso - July 03, 2015 at 09:37 AM



Thank you...

Julia Sharp - July 05, 2015 at 09:06 PM



“ Sending my prayer and blessings to Paul and his family.



Deb Walton - July 03, 2015 at 12:44 AM



Thank you...

Julia Sharp - July 05, 2015 at 09:06 PM



“ Our memories of Paul and his family are many. Anyone who grew up in Hammond "back in the day" knew or knew of Paul's amazing personality and his many successful life ventures. We send prayers and condolences to his family.

Jim & Jana Dickerson - July 02, 2015 at 10:10 AM



Thank you...

Julia Sharp - July 05, 2015 at 09:07 PM

BR

“ Paul, thinking of you at your time of loss. Hoping you find peace in the knowledge that your father is at rest.

Barbara Roberds - June 30, 2015 at 10:44 PM

PK

“ Grief can't be shared. Everyone carries it alone. ”

PK - June 30, 2015 at 04:51 PM

JG

“ Many great memories of Paul Sharp. RIP Friend

Jerry and Ralph Gessner

Jerry Gessner - June 30, 2015 at 03:31 PM

PJ

“ Paul, words can't express how sorry I am for your loss. It's almost been a year since I lost my father. We were truly blessed to have the fathers we did. He was a great man. You and your family are forever in my thoughts and prayers.

Pat Mashburn Jr. - June 30, 2015 at 09:29 AM

CH

“ I'm very sorry for your loss, Paul. Sending love and prayers.

Candice Cunningham Hoz



Candice Cunningham Hoz - June 29, 2015 at 08:43 PM

AF

“ Amy Brennan & Family lit a candle in memory of Paul F. Sharp Sr.



Amy Brennan & Family - June 29, 2015 at 03:31 PM

JM

“ June J Martin lit a candle in memory of Paul F. Sharp Sr.



June J Martin - June 29, 2015 at 10:01 AM

GA

“ Oh my goodness what a loss and a legend in his own time. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon and Eloise Anderson - June 29, 2015 at 09:28 AM

AB

He was one hell of a man and friend.....miss him already.
Alan & Debbie Boyd

Alan Boyd - June 29, 2015 at 10:03 AM

CM

Condolences to the family of Paul. He was a very kind person and friend to many people.
Chris and Anita Miaoulis

Chris and Anita Miaoulis - June 29, 2015 at 04:09 PM

MB

I knew Paul for a long time he was a good man. He was my brother Russell booths very best friend! He will be well remembered!!

Michael Booth - June 29, 2015 at 08:28 PM

FK

My memories of Paul range from high school through college and beyond - all of them good. He was definitely a "larger than life" man. Condolences and love to his family.

Faye Klumpp

Faye Klumpp - June 29, 2015 at 10:32 PM

MR

I am so sorry for your lost! Haven't seen Paul in years, but I remember him as a gentleman and a kind person! He and Russell Booth, my x brother-n-law were best friends. My prayers are with the family and with Paul.

Marie Lala Ritchie - June 30, 2015 at 12:10 AM

KB

Such sad news.....my thoughts and prayers are with all of the Sharp family.

Karen Forbes Brown

Karen Forbes Brown - June 30, 2015 at 07:30 AM

EF

We have lost a great friend, I have such great memories of times spent with Paul from childhood through life. we still have those great Paul Sharp stories to tell & enjoy. Will miss him Greatly, want be the same without him!

Mary Anne and E.A. Forbes

Ebner A. Forbes - June 30, 2015 at 09:12 AM