



Charles Sharp

June 14, 1937 - February 19, 2026

Charles Sharp, 88, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Thursday, February 19, 2026 at Chateau Girardeau.

He was born June 14, 1937 in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas to Edgar and Minerva (Riggs) Sharp. .

He and Mary Ellen Wilson were married on August 28, 1965 in Bells, Texas .

He received a PhD in History from the University of Georgia, then became a professor at Southeast Missouri State University where he taught from 1966-2001.

He loved to travel, loved to sing, and would sometimes sing at the university. He stayed actively engaged with SEMO and former faculty members throughout his life.

Survivors include his Two Sisters, Sue Broaddus of CA, Cathy Gray of ID, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and two brothers.

Visitation will be 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Friday, April 10, 2026 at Ford & Son

Mt. Auburn Chapel, 1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701.

A Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 am with Pastor Scott Sharp officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to Michael J. Fox Foundation.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Ford and Son Mt. Auburn Chapel

Memorial Service

APR **10**. 11:00 AM.

Ford and Son Mt. Auburn Chapel

Tribute Wall

EC

“ My condolences to Dr. Sharp's family and friends. I had him as a graduate professor in the 1990s and I loved his classes. He was a gentleman with a great sense of humor and I learned a lot from him. I was saddened to learn of his passing.

Scott Cracraft

Villa Alemana, Chile

Edward "Scott" Cracraftg - April 10 at 08:35 AM

SE

“ Charles Sharp was such a kindly, thoughtful, and generous colleague. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, were always so interested in and supportive of the SEMO community. They were very involved in the growth and development of the Southeast Missouri Symphony at the River Campus. I always enjoyed seeing them in the audience at our concerts! My condolences to his family.

Sara Edgerton - February 27 at 10:11 AM

HL

“ Dr. Sharp was one of my favorite professors while I attended SEMO. His teaching style and love of history is one of the reasons I ended up in my career path. May his legacy live on. Condolences to the family.

HLP - February 26 at 09:16 AM

JP

“ I remember Charles as an individual who was intelligent, very friendly, and he had a good sense of humor. He will be missed. My condolences to his family.

John Piepho - February 24 at 06:51 PM

AP

“ What an honor and a privilege to call Chuck my colleague and my friend! He was a class act teacher, person and friend. Upon his retirement, I arranged for him to go to China to Luzhou Medical School in Luzhou...western China. He and my good friend and former student became great friends....traveling all over China. The Chinese students loved him...he had studied Chinese history and they were only too eager to practice their English with him. He was warm, kind, full of fun tidbits about people, moments in history, and life. Sharing time with him in the Wellness Program was always filled with some humorous insight that he would provide on history. His wife Mary Ellen....what a love story they had!!! Wonderful, loving, kind people. Students and faculty appreciated their kindness and generosity. Bob and I are so fortunate to have known them both. Adelaide Parsons

Adelaide Parsons - February 22 at 02:04 PM



I treasure my friendship with Charles and Mary Ellen Sharp who made our Semo world so much the better by their presence! I saw him at a distance distance recently and I remembered how he would laugh at the inane comments Tom Harte reserved for me! Those days were silly and wonderful companionship and I cling to it in my sympathy!

Jane Stacy - February 25 at 08:26 AM

JS

Dr Sharp... one of the best!! You are missed. You brought much love life and friendship to so many. I am sorry I could not attend but will be remembered in high thoughts daily. Janet Stewart

Janet Stewart - April 16 at 04:04 AM

GS

“ *Dr Charles Sharp was a stellar history professor, a loving friend, great neighbor, and inspiration to us throughout his life. His wit and wisdom will missed. Bill and Georganne Syler*

Georganne Syler - February 21 at 05:45 PM