



Dr. Harvey Lawrence Sharp

October 31, 1934 - July 21, 2019

Sharp, Dr. Harvey L. On Sunday July 21, 2019, Dr. Harvey L. Sharp, loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away at the age of 84 from complications of Parkinson's disease. Harvey was born on October 31, 1934 in Philadelphia, PA. Raised in Cleveland, OH, Harvey was a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and Case Western Reserve Medical School. He started his medical career as a physician-scientist and researcher at the University of Minnesota in 1960, where he remained for the next 50 years until his retirement and designation as Professor Emeritus. Harvey was preceded in death by his parents Lawrence and Ethel (Stidham), and spouse Mary Alice (Noyes). He is survived by wife Cynthia (Skrade); children David, Patricia (Dean), Thomas (Joy), Lisa (Chris), & Robert (Jennifer); grandchildren Jaimie, Carrie (Paul); Katie, Ian, Taylor, Emily (Quinn); Drayton, Sophia; and great-granddaughter Palmer. Dr. Sharp was an internationally renowned research expert on liver disease, as well as a superb clinician. He was the Chief of Pediatric Gastroenterology at the University for many years and trained numerous pediatric gastroenterologists over his 50 years. One of Dr. Sharp's most important discoveries was the cause of a relatively frequent inherited liver disease of childhood known as alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency. The disease also occurs in adults as a severe pulmonary disease. Dr. Sharp's research and leadership developed the University of Minnesota's liver transplant program into one of the best in the nation. Dr. Sharp also initiated the first small bowel transplants. A recipient of numerous honors and awards,

Harvey was clearly one the nation's most distinguished hepatologists. Harvey was a master violinist, jazz aficionado, scholarship distance runner, avid alpine skier, voracious reader, and connoisseur of his favorite food group, ice cream. He was truly a renaissance man who used every note in the song of life! A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday July 30 at the Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel. Reviewal from 3:00 5:00 pm, service at 5:00 pm In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the Department of Pediatric Gastroenter-ology, Hepatology, and Nutrition at the University of Minnesota. Washburn-McReavy.comEdina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436
(952) 920-3996
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Chapel Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr. Sharp was always a very special man/doctor in our family's life. He took care of our son Drew from the time he was several months old, through his liver transplant at age 1 and for 17 years after that. Dr. Sharp could always figure out what the problem was even if others were uncertain. We so appreciated his care and concern and expertise over all those years. We hated to see him retire. Our son just graduated with honors in Biomedical Science and is in a Doctorate program in Physical Therapy. We are certain Drew would not be here if not for Dr. Sharp's help over all those years. Thank you so much Dr. Sharp for all you did. You will be missed.*

Family of Drew Busch

henry busch - July 29, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Harvey Lawrence Sharp.*



July 29, 2019 at 12:38 AM



“ I worked with Dr. Sharp in transplant, didn't know him as well as many, but had many fond memories of him. Through that quiet, unassuming exterior was a remarkable man. He had the ability to teach doctorate level students and staff, but also had the ability to sit down with the average person and also hold a personable conversation. There was a lot of intelligence and kindness in this man. He will be missed by many, but I am sure he will be greeted by many also when he enters heaven.....

Richard Sund

Richard Sund - July 28, 2019 at 12:47 PM



“ Dr. Sharp was my sons doctor from birth until he retired(though we still kept in touch after). My son had a liver transplant. Dr. Sharp loved his patients! He had a picture of my son on his desk and would wear a tie we gave him whenever he knew we were coming in. Dr. Sharp was an amazing man and we were so blessed to have him as our sons doctor. Thank you Dr. Sharp for sharing your amazing gifts with us all. All our thoughts , prayers and sympathy for his family. Gamber family.

Kathy Gamber - July 28, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Harvey Lawrence Sharp.



July 26, 2019 at 03:25 PM