



Russell Sharp

September 25, 1946 - October 12, 2025

Russell Sharp, age 79 of Coon Rapids, passed away with family by his side on October 12, 2025. He was a proud Army Veteran who served in Vietnam, and an avid MN Sports Fan. Preceded in death by his parents and 5 siblings. He will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 56 years, Sue; son, Jim Walker; daughters, Kimberli (Mike) Roo, Carrie (Joel) Haynes, and Amy Sharp; grandchildren, Bridgette (Carla), Mareesa (Steven), Shawn (Sydney), Mackenzie, and Brayden; other loving family and friends. Inurnment, Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 11 AM with visitation at 10 AM all at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Memorial Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

“ One memory of Russ? Impossible.

So let's start with a few classic Russ-isms:

- *“I ain't no fool, I went to forklift school.”*
- *“It's your 40th birthday? You don't look 40. Fifteen years ago, you looked 40!”*

Sunday nights at Elsie's meant bowling—and the inevitable “Sunday Night Sadness” whenever the Vikings lost earlier that day.

There were countless nights playing H.O.R.S.E. on the garage hoop in the alley, Coors Light Party Ball tapped. And let's not forget that back-alley version of bocce ball that only made sense after finishing the Party Ball and cracking into the emergency beers.

I learned more “construction terms” than I ever needed (or could repeat in polite company) while we built the performance stage at the Eagle's Club. And of course, we'd take breaks from prepping Saturday night dinners to hit “the carwash.” Many Sundays started early with pancake breakfasts at the Eagle's—never all that profitable, always memorable.

Fishing with Russ and Stan Noggle was its own adventure. The motor on Russ' boat had a personality of its own - usually stubborn - and it usually took 45 minutes and repeating a lot of those construction terms just to get it started once we were on the lake. Getting home on time? Never happened.

And then there was “Putting on the Hitz” at the Eagle's Club. So much effort went into that two-hour show—and even more beverages went into building the courage to get on stage.

As life moved on, I didn't see Russ as often in recent years. But rarely did a day pass without something reminding me of him—a quote, a moment, a memory. He was woven into so many great times.

*Gonna miss ya, Russ.
Save me a Mich Golden.*

John Puhl

John J Puhl - October 31, 2025 at 03:39 PM

FU

“ *From A&B , Tell Family and Ulwelling’s purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Russell Sharp.*



From A&B , Tell Family and Ulwelling’s - October 31, 2025 at 10:18 AM

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“ *From A&B , Tell Family and Ulwelling’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Sharp.*

From A&B , Tell Family and Ulwelling’s - October 31, 2025 at 10:18 AM

AH

“ *You are all in my heart and thoughts at this time. I hope all the beautiful memories keep you going through this sad time. RIP UNCLE RUSS. ❤️ Angel*



Angel (Sharp) Hamlin - October 30, 2025 at 10:01 PM

JO

“ I do not really have a memory of Russ to share, but I am sure that you had a special life together all these many years. My sympathies to you and yours, Sue.

Jackie Alstrup Osterud - October 20, 2025 at 08:19 PM

GE

“ We are sorry for his loss as I know it will be hard on his family Russ, was a great friend and a fellow Veteran. We had many good times over the years. I know that Russ will be dearly missed by his family, friends and all that knew Russ.

Gene and Barb

GEn - October 18, 2025 at 08:40 PM

TS

“ Oh, Sue...I am so sad. Now they are all gone. I remember all the parties we had. And especially the movies taken!

Tamra Sharp - October 14, 2025 at 12:03 PM