



Vance Raymond Sharp

August 15, 1932 - October 17, 2015

Obituary of Dr. Vance Sharp

Dr. Vance R. Sharp, 83, of Yalaha, Florida, and formerly of Oak Ridge, Tennessee,

was born August 15, 1932, in LaFollette, Tennessee. He passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2015, at Tampa General Hospital after a brief illness. Dr. Sharp practiced dentistry in Oak Ridge for over 40 years and was also a Real Estate Appraiser for many years. He grew up in Campbell County Tennessee. He graduated from Tennessee Tech in Cookeville with a bachelor's degree in business. He served in the Army as an enlisted officer and became an helicopter pilot where he developed a lifelong love of aviation. Upon an honorable discharge of military service he entered the College of Dentistry, University of Tennessee in Memphis where he graduated in the top of his class. He loved fishing and hunting with family and friends. He enjoyed making jewelry and he especially loved UT sports, he was a Vol for Life. He loved Facebook.

He was married for 58 years to the love of his life, Mary Elizabeth, who passed away in 2013. He was devoted to his family and he is survived by; daughters-Holly (Greg) Scheider of Rockwood, Tennessee, and Shelly (Theresa) Sharp of Ridge Manor, Florida; son-Dr. Philip (Karen) Sharp of

Tallahassee, Florida; grandchildren-Ricky (Stephanie) Neu, Ray (Katrina) Neu, Robin (Matt) Melton, Savannah Sharp; great-grandchildren-Baylee Goldston, Mattison Melton, Cooper Neu, and Carson Neu; sister-Betty Lou Sharp Weir; sisters-in-law-Sue Hollingsworth and Kathryn Barbee; many nieces, nephews and other loving extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Jesse and Columbia Sharp and infant great-granddaughter Blessing Neu.

There will be a Celebration of Life and Love at the family residence in Yalaha, Florida, on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at 2:00 pm. Memorial donations may be made in his honor to: One Breath At A Time, Butterfly House, 3104 North Armenia Avenue, Suite 5, Tampa, Florida 33607 or at www.onebreathatatime.net. This lung transplant organization is very dear to our family. His lung transplant gave us eight additional loving years with our precious father.

Online condolences may be left at www.purcellfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home Purcell Chapel, Bushnell, FL.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Former neighbor and then very close friend for over four decades. Sincere condolences to his immediate children, Holly, Shelly and Philip, and to many other living, extended relatives from my wife and me. A tremendous loss of a great person who will be missed by many.*

R. G. Haire - December 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *Dear Family, I was saddened to learn of Vance's death. We had become friends as I sold his dental building and as I did so, he went through the anticipation of the lung transplant and then, the joy of having it actually "work" ! He was always so gracious and shared his feelings in such a sincere way. Such a gentle, dear man. The world is a much better place because he lived.*

Nancy Stanley - November 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Holly, Shelly & Phillip, News of Vance's death from Shelley's friend, Teresa, was hard to take and accept. Vance and I had been close friends for near 50 years, beginning in 1966. I am so glad we had some time together this past summer when he was in Oak Ridge. Memories of Vance and Mary will always be part of my most important thoughts. Ken Kinser*

Ken Kinser - October 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Shelly I would like to express my condolences on the death of your father. I am sure you will miss him. Linda*

Linda Mims - October 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dr. Sharp was my family dentist beginning in the 60's. He was so gentle and kind and a visit to his office was like going to see a friend. Mary taught me how to "consignment shop". I'm so sorry to learn of the passing of both these wonderful people.

Joyce Hepler-Fox - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ As an employee of the Country Barber Shop in Leesburg formerly known as Marty's. I would like to express our condolences to the family and friends of Dr Vance , he was a longtime patron of the shop and very nice man , I pray that God be with his family in their time of sorrow.

Beth Sloan - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ sorry for your loss Bobby j. Sharp cousin

Bobby J SHARP - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dear Shelly, I was so sorry to learn of your father's passing in the Oak Ridge paper today. I have fond high school memories of both of your parents. I hope that special memories bring you and all your family comfort and peace during this difficult time. Thinking of you,
Ann

Ann Clary Bratton - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Doctor Sharp was our family dentist for years. He was a kind and caring man, who we considered a friend. He never failed to ask about each of our family members, and always remembered specific details of everyone's interests and life's. He also talked often about you, his children, and was proud of all of you! He and your Mom were always dear to our family and we loved them both. Our thoughts are with you! P. S. Have yet to find a dentist as gentle and skilled as him!*

The Walsh Family - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *My sincere condolences foe the los of your dad, truly a great man. May the Good Lord take him to the place reserved to all the gentle and just.*

Fred Clark - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Ms. Sharp: I was very sad to read about the passing of your father. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Mike Wood*

Mike Wood - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Vance Raymond Sharp*

Philip Sharp - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ To Holly and all the family, please accept my sincere condolences during your time of loss. Dr. Sharp was our family dentist in Oak Ridge for many years and provided us with uncommon and dedicated service. My mother always told him that he looked like one of the Smother's brothers from the old TV show. Dr. Sharp would always reply, "which one, the dumb one?" We would think of him often over the passing years. He was a good and caring man. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Philip Nipper - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Vance Raymond Sharp

Shelia McKinney - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Holly, Shelly and Phil, I am so sorry for the loss of your amazing Father. The last time he and Shelly visited Mom's, he filled us all in on the slides Phil found! I still have such warm memories from that visit! He remembered everything ! Love to you all!

Debby Hinrichsen - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

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Shelia McKinney - October 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ In loving memory###GESTURE###

Donna Hooten - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

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PS

“*Vance Raymond Sharp*”

Phil Sharp - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

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“*I never knew Dr. Sharp as well as some, but I do know that he loved coconut cream pies. Shelly always ordered them for him during the holidays I also know he raised some very awesome children. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family as they go through this very difficult time. "Blessed are those that mourn for they shall be comforted." Mathew 5:4*”

Donna Hooten - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“*Shelly I am sorry to hear about your father. He was a well respected member of the Oak Ridge community. I know you are proud to have had him as a father. My heart is with you and your family. Take care. Lisa Massengill-Schutt Oak Ridge High School teammate*”

Lisa Massengill-Schutt - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Vance Raymond Sharp*

Laura Hinrichsen (grandniece) - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sending love and prayers to the family. Thankful for the wonderful memories. Much Love, Neal Chaniott*

Neal Chaniott - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so thankful that I got to know Mr Sharp! He was a blessing to me and my family. I will always fondly remember our weekly brunches and great conversations. He was a wonderful friend and mentor to me. He will be missed.*

Wendi Hileman - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Vance Raymond Sharp*

Shelly Sharp - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Vance Raymond Sharp*

October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM