



Rev. Dr. John Richard "Jack" Sharp

September 20, 1938 - May 11, 2015

On May 11, 2015, Rev. Dr. John Richard "JACK" Sharp beloved husband of Joanne Dorothy "DOTTY" Sharp (nee Fuddy); dear father of Joanne P. Sharp, John R. Sharp and Bryan A. Sharp; devoted brother of Stephen G. Sharp and Robert R. Sharp. Also survived by nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to GEDCO.org or GEDCO, 1010 E. 33rd St., Baltimore, MD 21218.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Govans Presbyterian Church
5828 York Rd
Baltimore, MD 21212

Tribute Wall

“As Jack's brother I suspect many of his close friends in Baltimore know little about Jack as a youngster. If you did, you might have predicted his path in life. I'd like to share a couple of stories about our early lives.

Jack and I were raised by different relatives but during one summer we spent time together at Jack's house attending two week Bible school. That summer following class, we were scavengers for wood crates from neighboring grocery stores. During this period we built a boat (of sorts). Our grandfather taught us how to use the tools we needed and even provided us with several old raincoats we used for the boat bottom. When we finished we were so proud. We sat in the boat for hours waiting for the flood that was certain to come as it did with Noah, which we learned in Bible School. When the two weeks came and went, no flood. So we stored it carefully in the old basement of Jack's house (it may still be there today). Bible stories left a big impression on us both, but especially Jack.

As teens, we didn't see each other much but I recall one summer when I was about 14, Jack a year and one-half younger. My neighborhood had established a baseball team (I believe this predated Little League) and I was Captain. We were always looking for teams to play, without much success. I mentioned this to Jack and a short time later he called to challenge our team to a game to be played near his home in Wilmington (I lived about 25 miles away in the suburbs). Of course we accepted and one Saturday afternoon my nine man team caught a bus to town, transferred to another bus in the city, then hiked up Fourth Street to meet Jack's team. Newly organized by Jack, this was their first and I believe only game...Jack's interest was more in music and brain games, like chess (he was however a gifted long distance runner, but that's another story). Jack was always a good organizer. The game would be just 6 innings. In the last inning the score was tied, 2 each if I remember correctly, my team had last bat with a man on third and two outs. I hit a long fly ball to left field; Jack settled under it for an easy catch... but he dropped it! We won! To this day I know he did it on purpose; although when I brought it up, he would just grin...we were brothers.

There are too many stories like this to be told here and I will miss him very much.

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“ Devoted to his wife Dotty and his family, Jack's love was large enough to spread around. An amazing pastor and preacher, he truly lived his faith and called others of all faiths to join him. Jack worked consistently and fearlessly for justice in every aspect of life, from civil rights to mental health care, from homelessness to dignity for elders. I learned so much from his wisdom, kindness, compassion, sense of humor, dedication, and absolute, genuine GOODNESS. I have been privileged to work at GEDCO for nearly 21 years, to witness and be part of the miracle that Jack's faith and dedication brought to fruition. A true servant-leader, he brought out the best in everyone and attracted people to help in his good work. Baltimore owes so much to Jack Sharp, and our loss is great.



I send condolences to the wonderful family who shared Jack with the rest of us, and pray God's comfort and peace remain with each one of you.

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