



Harlan Fisher

September 28, 1961 - April 11, 2026

Harlan David Fisher was born on September 28, 1961, in Chicago, Illinois, to Lonnie B. Fisher, Sr. and Ruth Mae (Williams) Fisher. At an early age, he accepted Christ and was baptized at Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Harlan was raised in Chicago, where he graduated from Simeon High School in 1980. He later earned a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering Technology from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, in 1986. While at Central State, he became a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Delta Zeta Chapter, as part of the “Furious Fifteen,” and met his college sweetheart, Vanessa, who became his loving wife of 37 years.

Harlan built a distinguished career of more than 25 years in manufacturing and operations leadership, serving organizations including Inalfa Roof Systems, Coca-Cola, Chrysler Corporation, Gage Products, and LTV Copperweld/Maverick Pipe and Tube.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Harlan was known for his outgoing personality, sharp sense of humor, and ability to keep everyone around him laughing. He never met a stranger and loved talking about sports, cars, and everyday life. He was a proud Chicago Bears fan, an avid bowler, and a master griller. Above all, he loved spending time with his family, especially his granddaughters, Savannah and Sage.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Vanessa Williams Fisher; his sons, Harlan David Fisher II (Brittany) and Marcus Allen Fisher; his grandchildren, Savannah Fisher and Sage Fisher; his siblings, Lolita Fisher, Lonnie B. Fisher Jr. (Charlene), Adrienne Carter, and Denise Fisher; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lonnie B. Fisher, Sr. and Ruth Mae (Williams) Fisher; his siblings, Oscar Gibson, Rickey Fisher, and Dwayne Fisher; his father-and-mother-in-law, Samuel and Odessie Williams; and his brother-in-law, Gerard Williams.

Harlan's life was defined by love, leadership, laughter, and connection. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Family/Friends Time

APR **25.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR **25.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Harlan Fisher*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 25 at 09:13 AM

DG

“ *Dr Rhonda Gullette planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harlan Fisher.*

Dr Rhonda Gullette - April 25 at 05:12 PM

DG

“ Dear Friend (Fish),

I am deeply saddened by your passing. So, you had to beat me to Heaven (huh)? It's not a competition, but I truly would have liked to go before you.



I have been missing my sister (Nita) so very much, and life has not been the same without her. But you did not have to leave before me. I will miss you dearly.

Thank you for being such a wonderful friend to me. I know I probably drove you crazy in college, always talking to you and Hump about BJJ! Yet you always listened, cared, and reassured me that everything would work out. It didn't turn out the way I hoped, but thank you for always being there for me. Your kindness and support never stopped, and I will always appreciate that.

I would have liked to be there to support your service, but I don't think I could have sat through it without breaking down. There has been so much loss this year and frankly it has impacted. It truly feels like God is gathering His special garden.

When I get to Heaven, watch out! We are going to have so much to talk about, so be ready. If life can be wonderful, then Heaven must be even more beautiful with our Savior.

Until we meet again, rest peacefully in the Savior's hands. Please know that you are deeply loved and will be greatly missed. I know your legacy will continue to grow strong.

*Your friend always,
Kappa Sweetheart and DST all day!*

Dr Rhonda Gullette - April 25 at 05:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harlan Fisher.*



April 24 at 02:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harlan Fisher.

April 24 at 02:22 PM



“ *Jarrel, Adrean & Williams/Taylor Family purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Harlan Fisher.*



Jarrel, Adrean & Williams/Taylor Family - April 24 at 02:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harlan Fisher.*



April 23 at 07:28 PM

LJ

“ Lisa Johnson purchased the Full Heart for the family of Harlan Fisher.



Lisa Johnson - April 23 at 01:34 PM

CB

“ Sending up a prayer for The Fisher & Williams Family for continually strength & guidance, while asking God to hold the Family closer in His loving arms...in Jesus name I pray...Amen



Carolyn Brock - April 23 at 10:31 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harlan Fisher.



April 23 at 07:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harlan Fisher.

April 23 at 07:10 AM

YJ

“ Yvette Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Harlan Fisher.



Yvette Johnson - April 22 at 05:18 PM

YJ

“ Yvette Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harlan Fisher.

Yvette Johnson - April 22 at 05:18 PM

MH

“ Merita H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harlan Fisher.

Merita H. - April 21 at 05:15 PM

KS

“ K.O.D.3 13 DZ Spr'11 purchased the Guiding Light
Bouquet for the family of Harlan Fisher.



K.O.D.3 13 DZ Spr'11 - April 21 at 02:18 PM

KS

“ K.O.D.3 13 DZ Spr'11 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harlan Fisher.

K.O.D.3 13 DZ Spr'11 - April 21 at 02:18 PM

WD

“ *With love from PG12 Delta-DK-CSU purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harlan Fisher.*



With love from PG12 Delta-DK-CSU - April 21 at 12:04 PM

CS

“ *Resolution of Remembrance, In loving memory of Harlan Fisher, Whereas it has pleased the Lord to call home our beloved Harlan, we pause to reflect on a life that touched many with Grace, laughter, and quiet strength.*

Whereas Harlan brought joy into every room he entered, comforted those in need and lived with a heart of kindness and generosity.

Though our hearts are heavy, we are comforted by the promise that Harlan now rests in eternal peace.

Therefore be it resolved that we extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Harlan and pray that the peace of God that surpasses all understanding guard your heart and mind.

Be it finally resolved that Harlan's life and legacy be remembered, honored and carried forward through us all.

*Respectfully Submitted on April 20th 2026, Simeon Class of 80,
With Love, Honor and Remembrance*

Claudette Smith - April 20 at 08:26 PM

BD

“ *Brianna and Davanya purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Harlan Fisher.*



Brianna and Davanya - April 20 at 04:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harlan Fisher.

April 20 at 10:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Harlan Fisher.



April 20 at 10:36 AM