



Luis Ernesto Sharpe

June 16, 1960 - July 11, 2025

Luis Ernesto Sharpe was born in Havana, Cuba, on June 16, 1960.

On April 7, 1966, he migrated to the United States with his parents Luis Alfonso, Orlaida Norberta, brothers, Luis Oreste Sharpe and Felix Sharpe Caballero. Sister Indira Christina Sharpe was born in 1968, shortly after the family settled in Detroit's Southwest Community.

Luis attended Detroit Public Schools, graduating from Detroit Southwestern High School, where he excelled academically (Parade Magazine Academic All America team). On the gridiron, Luis dominated his opponents. In his senior season, he became the number one high school recruit in the country. Luis attended the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA), where he continued to shine, earning the John F. Boncheff award as a freshman, as well as repeated College All-America honors.

In 1982, Luis was the first-round draft pick of the St. Louis Cardinals of the National Football League (NFL). Luis continued his standard of excellence playing 13 seasons – starting in all 189 games. He appeared in three consecutive Pro Bowls and was named Second Team All-Pro twice. Luis also played one season with the Memphis Showboats of the United States Football League (USFL). During off season, he served as a sports broadcaster with Channel 3 KTVK-TV, and played the role of the sports agent in the 1995-

blockbuster production of *Waiting to Exhale*.

Luis E. Sharpe's 13-year marriage to Kathi Ann Sharpe fostered 5 children: Leah Tamarah (deceased), Rebekah Alicia, Sarah Paulina, Luis Ernesto, and Hannah Gabriella. His two grandchildren, Elias Mateo and Emanuel Alphonso were the center of his joy. In 2023, Luis entered into matrimony with Tameka Williams and her son, Kalynn Rashard; after meeting in 2019, the pair became inseparable and enjoyed life to the absolute fullest.

Luis Sharpe leaves to his wife, children, family, and friends a legacy of faith, resilience, and greatness. His end zone became his sobriety and recovery, his touch downs the spreading of his faith while in service, and reconnecting with those he loved.

Cemetery Details

Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park

35667 Eight Mile Rd
Livonia, MI 48125

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **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 Hour

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

Triumph Church-East Campus
2760 East Grand Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48211

Funeral Service

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Live-streamed Funeral Service in memory of Luis Ernesto Sharpe*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 25, 2025 at 09:54 AM

ST

“ *I met Luis on a flight to Phoenix and he was kind enough to share his amazing story with me. He told me how much helping others meant to him. When I told him I had a friend at Sobriety House in Detroit he immediately wanted to connect and help. He did exactly that. He and his daughter visited Sobriety House and I was told they had a profound effect on the crowd and that Luis offered to mentor others.*

When he told me his story I said, “I think you have a PhD in pain”. That made him laugh and he said, “I’m going to use that in my talks”. He used his PhD wisely and educated many people.

My condolences to the Sharpe family on the loss of such an extraordinary man.

Sherry Tuffin

Sherry Tuffin - July 28, 2025 at 08:16 AM

HF

“ *Hardit family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.*



Hardit family - July 25, 2025 at 11:04 AM

BM

“ *Baraket M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.*

Baraket M. - July 24, 2025 at 10:11 PM

RP

“ *Robert P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.*

Robert P. - July 24, 2025 at 09:46 PM

MJ

“ *Mark A. Jones purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.*



Mark A. Jones - July 24, 2025 at 06:01 PM

NL

“ Niteese and Grant Lenton purchased the Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



Niteese and Grant Lenton - July 24, 2025 at 04:22 PM

BJ

“ Brigitte Johnson purchased the 5.5" EBN Kneeling & Praying Angel for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



Brigitte Johnson - July 24, 2025 at 02:54 PM

BJ

“ Brigitte Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.

Brigitte Johnson - July 24, 2025 at 02:54 PM

RK

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Luis was the kind of man whose presence made you feel calm just being near him. He was a kind gentle man, God centered and truly cared about others. I know his absence will be deeply felt but I know his spirit left an imprint on everyone who had the blessing to know him.
-Rick K and family

Richard Key - July 24, 2025 at 11:59 AM

BE

“ Bishop Donald Clay and Eldership purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



Bishop Donald Clay and Eldership - July 24, 2025 at 05:31 AM

BE

“ Bishop Donald Clay and Eldership planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.

Bishop Donald Clay and Eldership - July 24, 2025 at 05:31 AM

NP

“ Nancy Parker purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



Nancy Parker - July 23, 2025 at 08:09 PM

JM

“ Jesus M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.

Jesus M. - July 23, 2025 at 02:51 PM

AC

“ *Andrea Chowanic lit a candle in memory of Luis Ernesto Sharpe*



Andrea Chowanic - July 23, 2025 at 10:23 AM

BJ

“ *Brigitte Johnson lit a candle in memory of Luis Ernesto Sharpe*



Brigitte Johnson - July 23, 2025 at 08:49 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.*



July 23, 2025 at 12:26 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.*

July 23, 2025 at 12:26 AM

ZW

“ Zeta Delta Chapter, WMU purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



Zeta Delta Chapter, WMU - July 22, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



July 22, 2025 at 01:56 PM

NL

“ Luis was not only a good friend but an amazing talented teammate and player. He was my “blindside” protector for many years with the Cardinals - something I did not take for granted. I knew of his struggles and addictions after his playing days that not only affected him- but his family and friends. But with the help of others and his faith in God- he overcame these demons and found his new purpose and passion in life. It was great to “reunite “ with Luis again on several phone calls over the last few years— discussing our ministry opportunities and Gods amazing grace He gives to us all. We will miss you big guy- can’t wait to see you again in Heaven with Jesus as our savior and protector Neil Lomax

Neil Lomax - July 22, 2025 at 01:00 PM

RA

“ Roy Green & Family| Phoenix AZ purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



Roy Green & Family| Phoenix AZ - July 22, 2025 at 12:19 PM

FD

“ For Luis and his family, Eric Dreiband purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



For Luis and his family, Eric Dreiband - July 22, 2025 at 11:34 AM

FD

“ For Luis and his family, Eric Dreiband planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.

For Luis and his family, Eric Dreiband - July 22, 2025 at 11:34 AM

JT

“ Jarrett, Jeia, Cassandra and Tony purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



Jarrett, Jeia, Cassandra and Tony - July 20, 2025 at 07:46 PM

RP

“ Ron Pitts purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



Ron Pitts - July 19, 2025 at 03:09 PM

SL

“ Scott & Laurie Lovett purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



Scott & Laurie Lovett - July 17, 2025 at 10:51 PM

SL

“ After his NFL career Luis and I shared similar life struggles, but with God, experienced amazing transformation with sobriety, family, helping others finding a blessed life with Jesus!

Scott Lovett - July 17, 2025 at 10:41 PM

TF

“ Thrasher Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



Thrasher Family - July 17, 2025 at 06:42 PM

GM

“ Gene M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.

Gene M. - July 17, 2025 at 05:34 PM

YF

“ Your Arizona Cardinals Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



Your Arizona Cardinals Family - July 17, 2025 at 04:28 PM

DM

“ Dewayne & Adriane Mattison purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



Dewayne & Adriane Mattison - July 17, 2025 at 02:49 PM

WF

“ Widline N. Daniel and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.



Widline N. Daniel and family - July 17, 2025 at 12:21 PM

DD

“ *Dr. Dom purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Luis Ernesto Sharpe.*



Dr. Dom - July 17, 2025 at 10:21 AM