

Celebrating the Life  
of  
*Jason "Jay" Christopher Sharp*



March 11, 1980 - October 12, 2008

Friday, October 17, 2008  
Family Hour: 10:00 a.m.  
Memorial Service: 10:30 a.m.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
23455 West Nine Mile Road  
Southfield, Michigan 48034

Rev. David L. Roberson, Pastor

## Jason “Jay” Christopher Sharp

**Jason Christopher Sharp** was born on March 11, 1980 at *Detroit Memorial Hospital* in Detroit, MI. He was born to the union of *Laura Nelson and Eric Sharp* (who preceded him in death). He was baptized at an early age and was their only child.

Jason graduated from *Harrison High School* in Farmington Hills, MI in 1998. He excelled academically as an honor student. He was an exceptional athlete. He played basketball, football and ran track where he won numerous awards. He was popular with his teammates, fellow students and faculty.

Jason received an academic and football scholarship to attend *Michigan Technological University* in Houghton, Michigan. He graduated with a *Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology* degree in December 2003. He was working toward his *Master degree in Business*. Throughout his time in both high school and college he developed life long friendships. Jason worked as an *Intern at General Motors* during his College years and in April 2004 *Consumers Energy* hired him as an *Engineer*. In his short time at *Consumer's*, Jason excelled and received several promotions. He was community minded and became an active member of the *Minority Advisory Panel (MAP)* where he was a member of the *Supplier Diversity and Campus Partnership Sub-Committees*. In addition, Jason was on the *Scholarship Committee and the Student Scholar Partners Program in the Association of Black Engineers (ABE)*. Jason also volunteered for projects like *Habitat for Humanity*. He was always available to help friends and family.

Jason loved sports. Bowling, fishing, tennis, golf and flag football were among the many. His newest passion was riding his motorcycle. He joined the *Ruff Ryders*, an internationally known Motorcycle club where he became Vice President of the Grand Haven chapter. He loved spending time socializing and traveling with his friends and family. He was a joy to know and be around. With all of Jason's many accomplishments and loves, his greatest and proudest was his daughter *Maija*. She was the love of his life. His world revolved around her. Jason departed this life unexpectedly on Sunday, October 12, 2008 in Grand Rapids, MI. He leaves to cherish his memory his Daughter *Maija Dionna Sharp* (North Carolina), his Parents *Curtis and Laura Daniel*, his younger brother *Justin Daniel* (Farmington Hills, MI). His Grandparents *Leroy (Octavia) Sharp* of Ohio and *Thomas (Pearl) Nelson Jr.* of Detroit. Great Grandmother *Addie Mae Nelson* of Oakdale, La. Along with a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends that he cherished and loved.

## Order of Services

Organ Prelude

Processional

Song Min Thaddeus Holland

Scripture

Prayer

Song

Cards & Acknowledgment of Cards Kim Harris

Remarks 1-2 minutes max.

Obituary Ernest Reed

Eulogy Pastor Roberson

Recessional

Organ Postlude

### **Pall Bearers**

Jerard Johnson

Kareem Smartt

Chris Knox

Pedro Silva

Matt Reed

Leroy Wells

### **Honorary Pall Bearers**

Will Harris

Matt Knox

Rachad Bohanen

Terrence Nelson

### **Interment**

Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

17840 Middlebelt Road

Livonia, MI 48152



Blood by Half,  
Full by Choice,  
Brothers for LIFE  
I love you Jason  
Justin



Sometimes, it's hard to understand  
And harder still to say,  
Thy will be done when sorrow comes  
And sadness fills our day.  
But faith was meant for times like these  
And if we take God's hand,  
With loving wisdom he will help  
Our hearts to understand



Daddy,  
 Each night I shed a silent tear,  
 As I speak to you in prayer.  
 To let you know I love you,  
 And just how much I care.  
 Take my million teardrops,  
 Wrap them up in love,  
 Then ask the wind to carry them,  
 To you in heaven above.

Love Maija



Our Son,

*"The pain will go away, with time...  
 It won't be so bad, after awhile"  
 So they say...  
 But they have never lost a child...*

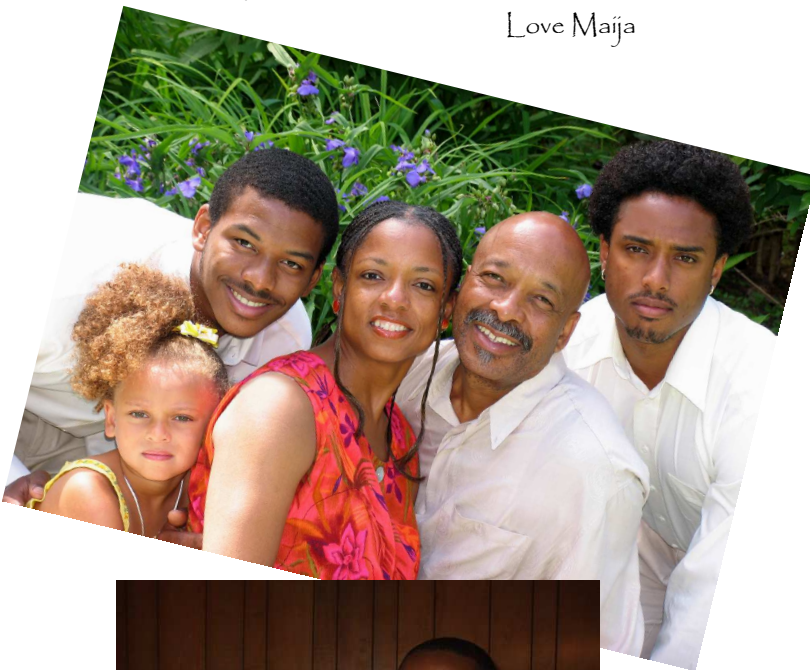
The pain will never go away.  
 Yet it softens some, with time  
 Our child is gone, it hurts to say  
 We will never be "just fine"

We hold your memories in our heart  
 They dance there, as if to song,  
 From that we know we will never part  
 The days and nights are long.

We will never be able to replace our loss  
 We know that God had another plan,  
 We would have kept you here at any cost  
 Each day we do what we can.

God will give us the strength to get through  
 We know God loved you too.  
 It breaks our hearts to lose you  
 Until we see you again, we will have to make do.

ALL OUR LOVE,  
 MOM AND DAD





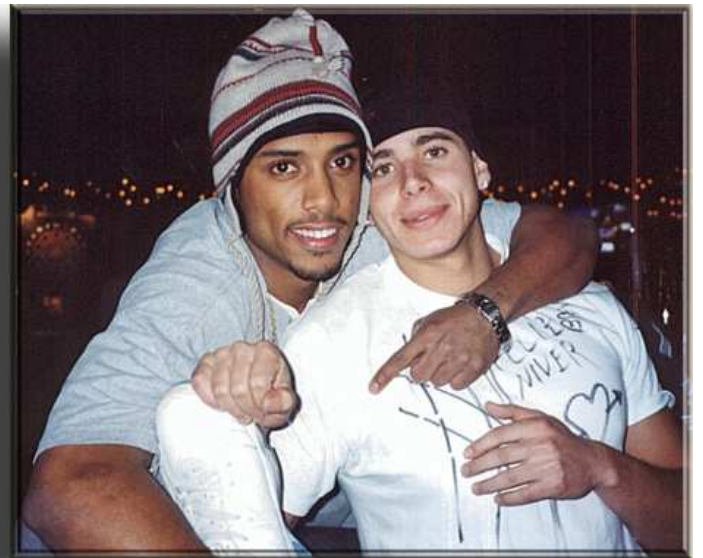


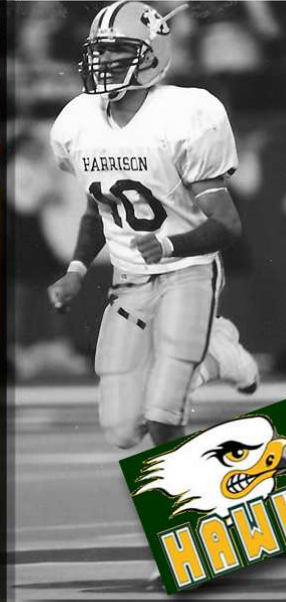
Forever Friends

As we sit here in pain and confusion we will cherish the memories...Jason you were a part of our lives that meant so much. We are so grateful to have been blessed to know and love you.

Our hearts are full of pain now that you are gone, but we're putting our pain towards God and asking him to be with us and guide us through this walk of life without you. We are asking him to let us praise the time you spent on this earth and rejoice in those moments.

We will always hold your memory close to our hearts. - Cynthia

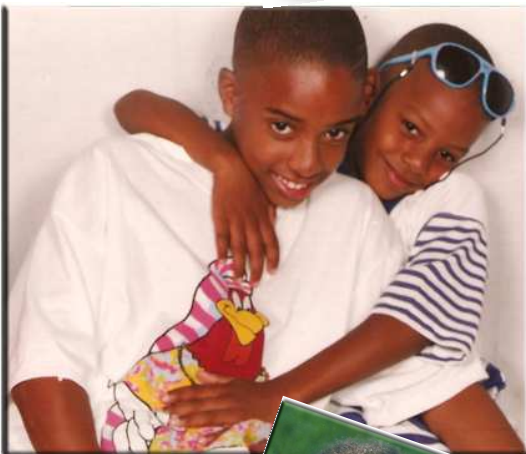




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Jason Christopher Sharp



Remember me in quiet days  
While raindrops whisper on your pane.  
But in your memories have no grief,  
Let just the joy we knew remain.

Remember me when evening stars  
Look down on you with steadfast eyes.

Remember if once you wake  
To catch a glimpse of red sunrise.  
And when your thoughts do turn to me,  
Know that I would not have you cry.

But live for me and laugh for me,  
When you are happy, so am I.  
Remember an old joke we shared;  
Remember me when spring walks by.  
Think once of me when you are glad  
And while you live, I shall not die.



Dear Laura, Curtis, and Justin,

I am so sorry about your loss. No one could feel the pain that you feel. Remember that you have the love and support of all of your family and friends. This *Celebration of Jay's Life* was prepared especially for you, from me. I love you and I am here for you whenever you need me.

Love, Debbie Lim-Arena

#### Acknowledge of Appreciation

The family of Jason Christopher Sharp wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers, and many expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time whether in thought and/or deed. A more personal acknowledgement will also be made at a later date.