



John Commodore Pryor

December 8, 1936 - May 27, 2019

John Commodore Pryor, 82, Olustee, passed away on Monday, May 27, 2019 in Lawton, Oklahoma. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday, May 29, 2019 in the Altus City Cemetery with Tom Bailey officiating. Burial will be under the direction of the Kincannon Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

John was born on December 8, 1936 in Olustee, Oklahoma to Joseph L. and Bessie Faye (Parman) Pryor. He graduated from Altus High School in 1955 and received his Master's Degree from Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas. He taught from 1960 - 1964 in Clyde, Texas. John did his post graduate work at the Long Island University in New York. He was a teacher/counselor for the Central Islip school system in New York from 1964 - 1991. John was a member of the Central Islip Retired Teachers Association, New York State Retired Teachers System and the American Federation of Teachers. He was a member of the Elm and Hudson Church of Christ and supported the Westview Boys Home. John enjoyed music, affairs of the state and nation and his elderly friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, five brothers, Joseph L. "Joe", James R. "Jim", Ralph, Patrick L. "Pat" and William M. "Bill" Pryor; and a sister, Peggy Pryor Leonard.

Survivors include 8 nephews, Bill Pryor (Camille), Dennis Leonard (Karen), Jim Pryor (Barbara), Joe Pryor, John Parker, Ralph Pryor (Dawn), Joseph Pryor (Barbara), and John Pryor; 7 nieces, DeAnne Warren, Carla Smith (Steve), Janet Pattison (Fred), Patty Smith, Deborah Dauphine, Michele DeMatta (Elliot), and Donna Countryman; numerous special grandnieces and nephews; and special friends, Phillip LoPinto, Anna LoPinto and Carolyn Chapman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Westview Boys Home, P.O. Box 553, 120 W. Broadway, Hollis, OK 73550.

Online tributes may be made at kincannonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery

Altus City Cemetery

2400 Falcon Road

Altus, OK, 73521

Events

MAY **Graveside Service** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Our Uncle John was truly an angel here on earth. He was a dear, loving friend who became part of our family for almost two decades, witnessing the birth of my daughter and son, Julia and Philip, and all of our important milestones over the years. He visited us regularly when we all lived in Patchogue, N.Y., sometimes having to be pried out of his easy chair to join us for dinner or our family gatherings. He never came empty-handed and was generous to a fault. We always looked forward to his almost weekly visits, and he always brought a smile and calmness to our sometimes hectic life. Our relatives accepted him as part of our family and always asked how our Uncle John is doing.

We were honored to be part of his retirement celebration when he retired from the Central Islip School District in the early '90s. The wonderful tributes from his former students, a few who became teachers themselves, spoke volumes of his lasting influence on them and what a wonderful role model he was. Of course, we were not a bit surprised.

My children's first airplane trip ever was to visit Uncle John after he retired and returned to Oklahoma. They were so excited to be flying to see him and he welcomed all of us with open arms. It was a wonderful week reminiscing over happy times together in Patchogue and laughing over old times. My daughter reminded me yesterday how he left a note on the nearby bridge that pointed us to his home so we wouldn't get lost. On that visit, we met his wonderful nieces, nephews, brothers and sister and marveled at how sweet and welcoming they all were.

Uncle John, "Johnny Boy", as we called him, will always be a part of us. We will miss his gentle, calm voice, his sweet disposition, and most of all, his kindness, a rare quality these days. Undoubtedly, I am a better person for having had him in my life.

My deepest condolences to the Pryor family and lasting gratitude for sharing your wonderful Uncle John.

With Love, Anna Lopinto and Family

Anna Lopinto - May 29, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ We will miss you John.
You were such a joy to be around.
Byron, Charlotte, Cheyenne & Breanne

Charlotte Hook - May 29, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ We are going to miss John and his friendship to our family. I have so many memories of John coming to Altus every Summer, and also on Easter. (John surprised us Easter whenever we moved to Duncan OK !) He was a very generous person and always thought of others before himself.

I loved hearing all of the stories that my mom and John told of growing up years. He always helped my dad whenever he was in the hospital in Altus. He never complained whenever my dad would ask for his Sleep Apnea machine or his electric razor for his beard. The last time my dad was in the hospital I called him because my dad was in Emergency Room. John drove over after 11:00 p.m. at night to check on my dad. He then called me after my dad got into hospital room. I used to call him "Uncle John," in the later years I called him, "Brother John," as I am only child. He was like a brother to me checking on both of my parents. He came over washed dishes, brought food, and did whatever he could do to help them. John also helped me so much in late night calls on the phone whenever I would worry too much about my parents. He was a good listener. John would say, "Do what you can, when you can, then leave the rest up to God." I will miss his Wisdom.

Patti (Bilbrey) Hook - May 28, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ Mike And Patti Hook sent a virtual gift in memory of John Commodore Pryor



Mike and Patti Hook - May 28, 2019 at 07:50 PM



“ Patti (Bilbrey) Hook lit a candle in memory of John Commodore Pryor



Patti (Bilbrey) Hook - May 28, 2019 at 11:45 AM