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## Shenendehowa graduate killed in Iraq mortar attack

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Maj. John P. Pryor, a well-known surgeon and Shenendehowa graduate, was killed in a mortar attack in Mosul, Iraq, on Christmas, military officials said.

Pryor, 42, was killed when the mortar attack struck near his living quarters. He was assigned to the 1st Medical Detachment, Forward Surgical Team, a unit that operated on the front lines.

Pryor became a member of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Ambulance Corps at 17 and a state emergency medical technician at 18. After graduating from Shenendehowa in 1984, Pryor received his surgical training at the University of Buffalo.

He was a lauded figure in medicine. He was the director of the University of Pennsylvania's trauma team and the chief medical advisor to the American Red Cross of Southern Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported. He had contributed articles to the Inquirer and the Washington Post, and had been a frequent interview subject for National Public Radio and ABC News.

Pryor is survived by his wife, Carmela V. Calvo, and three children.