

Guest Book for

Major John Paul Pryor M.D.



February 23, 2009

- ❖ As a Firefighter/EMT I have truly come to respect all members of "Our Team" the Team I refer to is the Emergency Medical Team. To Dr. Pryor's family my thoughts and prayers will always be with you, I thank you for most don't realize that the family of a "Hero" pays the ultimate price, which is the loss they bear till one day your reunited in Heaven, with those they love. God Bless

Jason Wickizer (Harlan, IA)

February 22, 2009

- ❖ I am a Firefighter/EMT from Plainfield, IN. I recently read an article in Jems magazine about John's passing, and even though I never knew him, John is truly the example of what a hero is. I can only imagine what friends and family of John's, are going through, but I want to send you my condolences and say that the world was a better place with someone like John in it. John inspires me to achieve my goals in the ems field, and to serve my town and country to the best of my abiltiy. May God give comfort and strength to his family and may his spirit and life inspire us to serve others and continue to do God's work. selflessly.

Derek Donelson (Plainfield, IN)

February 21, 2009

- ❖ i am so sorry for you lost. He was a great man.

Julia (L.A., CA)

February 19, 2009

- ❖ As an anesthesiology resident at the University of Pennsylvania, I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Pryor in the OR and the ICU. He taught me what it meant to be a dedicated physician with the highest moral standing. He will be missed even as his teachings live on in my daily practice of medicine. His family will remain in our prayers.

Jerry Clark (Winston Salem, NC)

February 9, 2009

- ❖ I worked with John when I was a third year medical student at the University of Buffalo in 1997, and I remember John as the most inspiring resident I worked with during my time there. He was a great teacher and would often spend extra time on the side teaching me physiology on the patients in the ICU. In the operating room he was confident and knew exactly what he was doing. While on call at the VA, with his "free" time at night he would type stories about

physicians. I looked up to him as one of the smartest, most compassionate, and special physicians I have ever come into contact with and my heart goes out to his family.

Chris Carlson (Seattle, WA)

February 2, 2009

- We did not know Major Pryor but wanted to tell you we are sorry for your loss. We've read numerous articles he wrote and feel not only have you lost a wonderful Husband & Father, but the Earth has lost an incredible young man. Surely Major Pryor stands next to Jesus, completely understanding God's mysterious ways. We send this poem to help ease your grief:

"Soldier"

"Soldiers write history...they pay the price
Many miles distant, you live the life
Entered the Battle of our own free will
Out of Duty for Country, and we'd do it still

We hope and pray that all will find peace
In God, in the flag, in memories of valor
Gone now, our pride and courage you see
"An Army of One" our motto forever

Willing to risk all for love of our Brothers
We're still Your Soldiers...and we showed the way
Our Lives too short, now pray for the others
Lived free died Heroes in lands far away

Deep within souls all cherished our Service
We'll always have what some never know
Courage and Honor, our names forever
Lived life with purpose...just our time to go

We march in the Heavens with Honor and Glory
Missions accomplished we fought the Good Fight
Many years from now...we'll tell the full story
Until that Day we will live in the Light

Our lives we laid down in a land far away
Still watching o'er you this night and by day
No need to talk...just know we are with you
There in your hearts and we hear what you pray

Yes we are your soldiers
Our lives we laid down
Still We guard o'er you
Still Duty bound

Entered the Battle of our own free will
Out of Duty for Country, and we'd do it still
We'll always have what some never know

Lived life with purpose...it was our time to go"
 May God Bless you all and grant you the peace you seek.
Chester & Ginger Mankowski (Waretown, NJ)

January 30, 2009

- ☒ Dear Pryor Family,
 My heart and deepest sympathy go out to you all. I had the pleasure of being both a patient of John's a few years ago and a colleague as a nurse on Rhoads 5 SICU. He was a wonderful man to be around and I am truly grateful to have known him. May God bless you all
Theresa Apice (San Francisco, CA)
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January 27, 2009

- ☒ I will never forget the first time I met John. Still clad in his blue scrubs, with a pen and notebook in hand and a determined look on his face, he entered our agreed-upon study room in Huntsman Hall for our first session. You see, a week earlier, I heard about a certain physician at HUP who was looking for an Arabic tutor. This doctor was planning on joining the military as a combat surgeon and wanted to provide the best care possible to the civilians he inevitably would be treating during his service. It took me a while to let it sink in – this was an individual committed to learn an entire language (and not an easy one, may I add) so that he could communicate directly with the Iraqis he was going to treat. I remember the goose bumps I felt as an Iraqi-American thinking that this is a man I really have to meet.

John and I spoke on the phone shortly thereafter and he enthusiastically told me about the steps he had already taken to start studying on his own. He was hitting a wall, he told me, and needed some one-on-one help. We agreed to meet, and thus began a relationship that I will never forget for the rest of my life.

I am inspired to this day by John's sense of duty and unyielding commitment to what he believed. Once he decided to learn Arabic – I am sure much like every other endeavor in his life – he ensured that he achieved no less than a mastery of it. Sometimes his mouth didn't want to make the right sound at first, but he would practice endlessly until he got it just right. I remember the several sessions we had to schedule immediately after he completed a 24 hour shift saving lives in the HUP trauma bay. He came with his signature broad smile on his face, prepared and ready to learn because he was committed 100%. I often use his attitude as the ultimate yardstick by which I gauge my own actions.

I am heartbroken and utterly speechless at the tragedy that recently took place. My deepest condolences go out to the entire family. Carmela, I unfortunately never had the good fortune of meeting you in person, but John always spoke with such a glow in his face whenever he mentioned you and the kids. We often spoke of the importance of family, and there was no doubt that John valued those

relationships above all else.

Only God knows how many precious lives he saved throughout his, from the battlefields of West Philadelphia to those of Baghdad. I consider myself so fortunate to have had the opportunity to know John, learn from John, and be touched by his inspiring approach to life. He will be truly missed.

Muhammed Mekki (Stanford, CA)

January 25, 2009

- ✉ Dr Pryor was a so welcoming teacher when I came at penn as a visiting student. He truly was a wonderful surgeon and a great man. My sincere sympathy to his family.

Arthur André (Paris, France)

January 25, 2009

- ✉ To the family of John Pryor,

My deepest condolences go out to you and your family. I don't know Dr John Pryor personally I feel the sadness of his tragic loss. I am also a military reservist. It takes an exceptional human being to volunteer to serve and look out for the welfare of fellow soldiers. We can only hope that more people of the caliber of Dr Pryor come along and make the same positive impact that he did during his life. May the good lord bless his family during this difficult time.

Frank Johnson (Marlton, NJ)

January 24, 2009

- ✉ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Frank & Vicky Caruso (Toronto, ON)

January 23, 2009

- ✉ I went to high school with John. I had not even heard the news...today 1/23/2009, I was looking for "Shen Class 84" list and saw he was a trauma surgeon--how exciting--perfect for him!...and googled the name...and how sad to come upon the news. He was great then, and has left a wonderful footprint of a husband, doctor and friend. God Bless the Pryor family and friends.

Class 86 Shen Graduate (Tampa, FL)

January 20, 2009

- ✉ We love our Soldiers! We love our country and we cannot express enough love and compassion to the families. War does not discriminate – It breaks my heart to see the faces of the fallen. We want to give this gift to you. We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization! Over 1,300 portraits have been completed and shipped to the parents and or spouse - at no cost as this is a gift from one American to another!

Contact us directly at Projectcompassion@manti.com or go to www.heropaintings.com. If you have already had a portrait completed, we pray that you are enjoying the portrait and God Bless

You.
Sincerely,
Kenna

Kenna Larra (Manti, UT)

January 19, 2009

- ❖ My sincere condolences to the Pryor Family: I am the mother of one of John's very close high school friends, Erin O'Brien. My family and I are all so very saddened by this tremendous loss. My daughter, Erin (who came from Virginia), and I both attended the memorial for John at the Vista. It was a beautiful memorial in John's honor. Our hearts go out to all of you. May God Bless all of you and may God help all of you get through this terrible tragedy.

Claudia O'Brien (Clifton Park, NY)

January 18, 2009

- ❖ To the Pryor Family,
I am deeply saddened by the loss of John. I knew John when he was a member of the Union Volunteer Emergency Squad while attending SUNY Binghamton and enjoyed sharing memories with him at the conference last April in Binghamton, NY. He was a truly inspirational speaker and a wonderful person. He will remain forever a hero in everyone's eyes.

Cheryl Fedorchak (Johnson City, NY)

January 17, 2009

- ❖ Carmela, Danielle, Francis & John, Mr. & Mrs. Pryor, Richard & family,
I have no words to express the depth of my sorrow for the loss you have suffered. May time and the knowledge of knowing how much John served his family, community, country and humanity help you begin the long journey to peace. I miss John. I am proud of what he was able to accomplish in the short time this world had him in our presence. I am proud to have been his friend. I pray for better turns for your families in the future.

Christopher Sheridan (Shenedehowa '84) (Rochester, NY)

January 15, 2009

- ❖ Carmela, Danielle, Frankie and John John-
Words cannot begin to say how sorry I am for your loss. John was an amazing teacher, doctor and mentor and from firsthand experience, father and husband. You are stronger than you know and have such great support in your family and friends. Please know that I will always be here for you and the kids. You are in my thoughts and prayers everyday. I know that many people, including myself will try to live life as John did everyday, by caring and "doing good" and I can only hope to come as close as John did to fulfilling that.

Heather Kulp (Philadelphia, PA)

January 14, 2009

- ❖ To the Family of Maj. John Pryor:

First and utmost my regards and prayers are with all of you at a time when I know you cannot catch your breath, when every step becomes a challenge and you hear the word hero with both pain and grace. God, whatever that is to each and everyone of us, be with you. Find your strength in your son, maybe husband, maybe brother, maybe father. He and you gave all for us. I do not know any of you and was looking to write to a local(MASS) family who recently lost their son, and I found you. Not many can say I know how you feel, it's a distinction we do not want to be a part of, but with time will accept with honor and dignity. I am a Gold Star family member. We lost my big brother, Cpt. John W. Maloney, U.S.M.C., in June of 2005, and not a day goes by, that at least once, it doesn't...and I don't know how to phrase this...hit you head on. I am also a nurse and from what I have read your son John was a doctor/surgeon/nurse. Not only was that his title, but he was good at his job. For those of us that work in the medical field to be called good is exceptional. You do your job and do it well. Please contact me if there is anything I can help you with. This year I know it was just "Christmas" with no happy anywhere. For some reason I was drawn to write...please take care. Semper Fi.

Melissa Hamre (Chicopee, MA)

January 13, 2009

- ✘ John we always remember you as a teaching doctor, a real HUMAN BEING taking care of your patients with love and good decisions. With all our love we will always have you in our minds. The Argentina Team at PENN
PRATESI Pablo ESCARDO Juan Cruz (Pilar - Argentina)
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January 13, 2009

- ✘ Dr. Pryor gave the Herspberger Lecture at the annual conference of the Pennsylvania Division of the American Trauma Society. The doctors, nurses, social workers and pre-hospital personnel attending the conference rated his presentation the best of the conference. His zest for his profession and for his fellowman was unmatched. It was a privilege knowing him. JMB
judy may-bennett (PA)
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January 11, 2009

- ✘ MAY GOD BLESS MAJOR JOHN PRYOR AND HIS DEVOTION AND DEDICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE HAVE LOST A GREAT PEACE MAKER AND DOCTOR. TO THE FAMILY YOUR FATHER, SON AND HUSBAND WAS AND ALWAYS WILL BE A GREAT MAN
Tom Simpson (Scotia, NY)
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January 9, 2009

- ✘ To the Pryor Family,
My sincere condolences on your profound loss. May John's soul rest in peace. He was a great humanitarian.

Christy Metacarpa (Clifton Park, NY)

January 9, 2009

- ✉ My deepest condolences to the entire family. I am so saddened by the loss of John. I volunteered with John at CPHM Ambulance during his early years in EMS. John was always ready and willing to help out and "work" extra shifts whenever he had the chance.

Fred Halley Jr. (Clifton Park, NY)

January 9, 2009

- ✉ To John's entire family:

I first met John when he became a Trauma Fellow at HUP and rotated at CHOP. I knew the first time I met him what a kind soul he was. If he treated everyone that he came in contact with in life the way he treated me when I first met him (and continued thereafter) then I as well as everyone else have been truly blessed. John is definately someone who will missed here on Earth. God has to have a bigger plan for him in heaven to take someone as special as he away from us.

Carol/Philadelphia

January 9, 2009

- ✉ Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light;
 And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
 Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
 To be understood, as to understand;
 To be loved, as to love;
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen

Stephanie Rafoss (Sebastian, FL)

January 8, 2009

- ✉ I met John in tenth grade in Biology class. He was my lab partner and soon after became a friend. John told me often, during class, that he was going to be a surgeon. I remember thinking how neat it was that he already knew and talked of it so proudly. I was impressed. I am so proud to say I knew him and hold fond memories of times spent together while growing up.

I married one of his best friends from Shen and we both were reading articles in the first few days of hearing the news of our loss trying to understand why/how. Now, I find myself reading articles to learn more about Maj. John Pryor MD, my Hero.

John's funeral service was so moving but difficult for all who attended. My prayers are for John, his family, and all of those who have been touched by him.

Nancy Sheridan (Rochester (Shen '84), NY)

January 8, 2009

- ✉ My deepest condolences on your loss. Without brave men like Maj John Pryor, America would not be what it is today. God bless you in your time of need.

Kerin Hearn (St. Louis, MO)

January 8, 2009

- ✉ Dear Vicky,
Please accept my deepest sympathy at the loss of your dear son John. From our time in ceramics I know how precious he was to you and your family. I will keep all of you in my prayers.

Sue Brennan (Loudonville, NY)

January 7, 2009

- ✉ To The Pryor Family & Friends,
So sorry for your deep loss. May your many fond memories bring you comfort. What a remarkable human being! Heaven just became a bit nicer. Here's to a life well lived and much loved. May Dr. Pryor live on in each of you

mary (philadelphia, PA)

January 7, 2009

- ✉ To the Pryor family,

I know there are no words to say, except how sorry I am for your loss. May you hold Johns' memory in your heart and please remember he shall never be forgotten.

...For you every single soldier
Those who served so honorable
Your life was forever altered
While I'm home safe and free
I stand with grateful admiration
I stand respectful and so proud
I know I'm only a civilian
And I don't even know if it's allowed.

But I salute you; allow me the honor
to salute you with permission let me say
Even though I hold no rank know that from my heart
My humble gratitude comes from the deepest part.
I salute you.

Suzanne MacDaniel
 A Proud Aunt
 Sgt. David M.Fisher
 KIA 12/1/04
MacDaniel (Colonie, NY)

January 6, 2009

- ✉ On behalf of the American Italian Heritage Association & American Italian Museum & Cultural Center, Albany, NY we send to his spouse, children and family our sincere sympathy. May God reward him for his life of service. We are proud of that he was an Italian American and his service. We will place his name in our Military Honor Book and would be proud to have a picture of him hang in our Military Room at our Museum.
Prof./Cav. Philip J. DiNovo (Albany, NY)
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January 6, 2009

- ✉ God Bless His Soul. +
Maj Christopher Stim, USAF (formerly of Ballston Lake, NY; Shen. HS Class '84 'til '82) (Alexandria, VA)
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January 6, 2009

- ✉ Dr.Pryor was the team leader caring for my husband in ICU at Penn after surgery in 2005.My family and I were so sad to hear of his passing. He will live in our memories.God Bless you and your family.
Jean Stelmach (Bridgeton, NJ)
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January 6, 2009

- ✉ My deepest condolences to the entire Pryor family. I am so saddened by this loss you have suffered. I graduated with Richie, and spent time with your family on numerous occasions (as Jennifer Lanthier was my dearest friend). I pray for your family, that you may find some comfort knowing that John is with God and the Angels--he will watch over you all, always. I'm so sorry the kids didn't get to spend more years with their Dad, but they will grow up knowing what a true hero he was, in every sense of the word. God Bless you all.
Kim (Downs) Gawlak (Stamford, CT)
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January 6, 2009

- ✉ To the Pryor family,
 Growing up, my family and I went to your house in Clifton Park often for picnics, and I have truly fond memories of those times together. I was visiting my family in NY when my father got the call about John. I am so sorry, and I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and give you the strength to get through this difficult time.
Nicole Falace (formerly of Schenectady, NY) (Pittsburgh, PA)
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January 6, 2009

- ☒ To the Pryor family,
Please accept my family's deepest condolences for the greatest sacrifice that your son, husband, father, nephew and uncle gave to the United States of America and everyone that lives in this country. We are greatly honored to have the ability to send our prayers and love to your family at this sad time. Please know that he is a hero and will always have our deepest respect.

The Coonrads, Averill Park, NY
Shirley Coonrad (Averill Park, NY)

January 6, 2009

- ☒ The Lord is my Shepherd

I shall not want

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures

He leadeth me besides the still waters

He restores my soul

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death

I shall fear no evil

For thou art with me

Thy rod and they staff they comfort me

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

And I shall dwell in the House of the Lord Forever.

robert garon (copake, NY)

January 6, 2009

- ☒ To the Family of John Pryor:

I want to extend my deepest sympathies to you at this sorrowful time of your lives. God bless you at this time.

A nephew of mine was killed in Iraq in May of 2006 at the age of 21. I feel your pain and hope for you that your memories will sustain you as ours have us.

God bless John Pryor for serving our Country and putting his life on the line for our freedom. Freedom is not free.

You will be in my prayers.

Gail Kelly (Philadelphi, PA)

January 6, 2009

❖ Dear Pryor family,

When we found out about John, we were devastated! We had so many wonderful times with John as children growing up at 472. I remember how he use to stop traffic for me to cross the street, sleigh riding down Davis hill, kickball in the front yard, and most of all I remember how kind he was even at a young age. It's been so long since we been in touch, but time never changes the feelings and fond thoughts we have of you. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you. You are in our prayers and hearts.

Love,

Karen and the Petrellese Family
Karen Petrellese (Yonkers, NY)

January 6, 2009

❖ John was an amazing giver and a selfless leader, always being the first to volunteer. His smile stretching from ear to ear will always be ingrained in my memory, symbolic of the man he was. He was taken from us way to soon. He will never be forgotten. The Pryor family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Joe Newell (Princeton, NY)

January 6, 2009

❖ Yesterday will be one of my saddest moments in my life as I watched a friend, mentor, and colleague laid to rest. The words used to describe him in the sermon as " a person who lived his life for others" fit John to a tee. We have lost a great person and my heart goes out to you all, especially to his family at this sad time.

Michael Silver (Ballston Spa, NY)

January 5, 2009

❖ SGT. MICHELLE WILSON

TO THE FAMILY I JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS MY THANKS FOR ALLOWING THE 344TH TO ATTEND MAJ. PRYOR'S FUNERAL. WE DROVE FROM BROOKLYN & QUEENS NY, WE WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED IT FOR THE WORLD. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!

**MICHELLE WILSON 344TH COMBAT SUPPORT HOSP
 (U.S. ARMY RESERVES, NY)**

January 5, 2009

❖ John grew up with my son Chris. I watched him grow from a teenager into a responsible young man. I spent time with John on the ambulance in Clifton Park where his interest in medicine first started. There are many family, ambulance and party stories we can all recall of a most remarkable human being. His special gifts as a husband, father and surgeon have been taken from us way too soon. John's special spirit will never be forgotten.

Linda Sheridan (Clifton Park, NY)

January 5, 2009

❖

To the family of John Pryor.

We would like to express our deepest sympathy. We knew John from our days on the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Ambulance. He was always so driven in his desire to care for others. He showed that on every call he answered. John had a gift that he was able to share with all who knew him worked with him and learned from him. He will be missed by many people who's lifes paths he crossed during his short time here with us. Rich you have lost a wonderful brother , the pain will always be there but the memories will hopefully lessen it over time. To Johns Mom and Dad you blessed us with a wonderful caring individual who will never be forgotten. To Johns wife carmella and his beautiful children God Bless, John was a wonderful person who gave his all to help others.

Donna, Karen & Carolyn Reagan (Clifton Park, NY)

January 5, 2009

- ✚ I went to school with John at Shen. I knew of him but did not know him personally. I feel very sad for his family and know that there is a special place for him in heaven.

Becky (McClintock) Pettit (Ballston Spa, NY)

January 5, 2009

- ✚ I read about your loss and even though I did not know your son, brother, husband and dad I just wanted you to know that I thought he was a remarkable human being.

He is a true hero. May God rest his soul. My deepest sympathy.

Sharon (Lancaster PA)

Sharon (Lancaster, PA)

January 5, 2009

- ✚ Dear Carmella and family, we are so saddened by your loss. I know it will be hard for you to not be angry at God for taking such a wonderful person as your husband and father, as well as a talented and caring Doctor; but know how fortunate you were to have him for his time on earth. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Kulp Family (Oreland)

January 5, 2009

- ✚ To Richard C. Pryor,

I worked for you in the 1970's at NYS DSS and remember you as the nicest person I have ever worked for. You were always talking about your wife and boys and all your camping trips. It is not surprising to me that such a great dad raised such amazing boys! I am so sorry that your time with John was too short and I will keep him and your family in my prayers.

Terri (Murray) Miller (Albany, NY)

January 5, 2009

- ✚ God Bless John and his family. I heard about what happened in the news and I read the article in the paper and it is a paper I rarely get. I

did not know John, but I am an Army Reservist Engineer (Architect by trade) on a Facilities Engineer Team, I used to be at Fort Totten, now at Fort Dix, I am 43, two small children, involved in the community, and I live 20 miles north of Moorestown. My number is coming up soon for another deployment. Some of the similarities just scare me and you can never take anything for granted and always cherish what you have. John did all that more from just reading about him and you can tell he was a great person. Our condolences go out to the family and we wish the safe return of the soldiers that John supported.

Mike

Mike (Bordentown, NJ)

January 5, 2009

- ❏ How sad we all are here in Clifton Park to hear the passing of John, a fellow Shen '84 graduate and a really nice guy. So heavy on all our hearts, yet so proud to have known him -- our deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

Heidi (Bruhns) Cavert (Clifton Park, NY)

January 4, 2009

- ❏ Dr. Pryor headed my trauma team and oversaw my care this past year after I was run over by a truck several blocks from HUP. I know he is part of the reason I am here to tell about it. I was truly saddened to see his passing on the local news today. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends and colleagues. Jennifer Robinson

Jennifer Robinson (Wayne, PA)

January 4, 2009

- ❏ Carmela,
I am so very sorry. I was one of John's fellows at Penn. I cant believe he is gone. My family and I are praying for you and your children. We pray every day for all of you and hope that your children will someday understand just how kind, giving, loving, and AMAZING person their father was - and will always be - in all of our hearts. John touched so many lives and left all of them better for the experience.

I am truly sorry that I will never hear his laugh again.

Steve Gale (Phoenix, AZ)

January 4, 2009

- ❏ Carmela, Danielle, Frankie, and John John, there are no words I can find to tell you how deeply sorry I am for your profound loss. John was an amazing man as you all know. A true hero. Please know I am here for you in any capacity. You are continuously in my thoughts and prayers.

Elaine Marchese (Deptford, NJ)

January 4, 2009

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Wow. All that. In so few years. Thank you, thank you.

A Capital Region Family

January 4, 2009

- ❖ We are thinking of you and praying for you at this sorrowful time. Your son must have been truly exceptional to devote his talents to helping his country!

Gail & Bill Bernadt (Clifton Park, NY)

January 4, 2009

- ❖ I have never met MAJ Pryor, but everyone at Temple University Hospital knows him and speaks very highly of him. I am an RN at TUH and in the ARMY RESERVES in the ANC. I applaud his service to our great country. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

MAJ Janelle Hofer (Deptford, NJ)

January 3, 2009

- ❖ Words cannot express the appreciation I have for your family in sharing such a kind and caring man with the world. My husband is currently in the 345th in Iraq and told me about Dr. Pryor. He was deeply moved by the passing of such an amazing man who dedicated his life to helping others. I am so proud to be an American. It is people like Dr. Pryor who have made this world a better place. He was truly an angel among men. God bless you and your family.

Barbara M. (Valrico, FL)

January 3, 2009

- ❖ My prayers are with his family. May he rest in peace.

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January 3, 2009

- ❖ Our thoughts and praryers are with you and your family.

Mr. Dan Kelly and Family (Philadelphia, PA)

January 3, 2009

- ❖ To all,
I have been very profoundly affected by the loss of Dr. John Pryor. Many, many people have shared their stories and experiences with him.
Peace now to John, and someday there may be a way to reconcile the loss experienced by his family, friends, and colleagues.
Please continue to keep his memory alive.

DWC (MG, PA)

January 3, 2009

- ❖ My deepest sympathy for Major Pryor's family. I don't pretend to understand what they are going through but, I can say, that I appreciate his sacrifice . My son is an Army Reservist. If he were ever injured, Major Pryor and those like him, "The Best of the Best," would/will be there to take care of him. I do understand his love for his country and fellow soldiers.

Dianne Baldwin (Glen Oaks, NY)

January 3, 2009

- ✘ Rich: My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your entire family at the tragic loss you have all suffered. It is obvious that John made a positive impact in the lives of so many; we can only hope to have such a profound purpose in our lives. My brother served a career in the US Airforce and time and again he proudly volunteered and put himself in harms way to serve his country selflessly. Obviously, John was the same way and I thank John's family for their sacrifice as a military family. John made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and for freedom. I honor and salute John's selfless service and his sacrifice and most importantly to his family. By all accounts, the world was a better place because John cared. May God comfort you all in your time of need.

Your friend,

Ken Rechnitzer (Scotia, NY)

January 3, 2009

- ✘ My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.

Paul Farrell (DUBLIN/IRELAND)

January 3, 2009

- ✘ My condolences to his family.

January 3, 2009

- ✘ To The Family,
I knew John when he was just a kid riding the ambulance in Clifton Park. Even at that time in his life John knew what he wanted to do and where he needed to go. We had some good times and some sad times. I will always remember John's smile and laughter especially when Rich was around.
We have all lost a wonderful person, family man and most of all a loving caring physician. My heart and prayers go out to all of you. I am a better person for having known John.

In Loving Fondness,
Barbara Castelli
Clifton Park, NY

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Barbara Castelli (Clifton Park, NY)

January 3, 2009

- ✘ To the Pryor Family,
You are in our hearts and prayers. Major Pryor is a true HERO. It is because of people like you and your families that we have our freedoms.

Our son Matt is a SeaBee in the Navy and has gone to the desert several times. Like Major Pryor, Matt would go back in a heartbeat. Thank you for your sacrifices. God Bless you all.

Walenta Family (Delmar, NY)

January 3, 2009

- ❖ To the family, Richard and Vicky
The members of your family at Savanna Club are deeply saddened and touched by your loss.
May our thoughts and prayers be with you in this time of sorrow and sadness.....All of the entries can not express our emotions that we share.

God bless you and your family and a safe return to Port Saint Lucie.

Connie and Lane Esposito (Pt. St. Lucie (Savanna Club), FL)

January 2, 2009

- ❖ My heart goes out to John and his family. I share your pain in that my son Spc. Anthony Dixon was killed in Iraq in 2004. It is a very hard thing to experience, but I have made it because I have placed my trust in God. There will always be a special place in my heart for all of the US soldiers, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. God can and will help relieve the pain. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Mrs.J. Dixon

Jacquelyn Dixon (Lindenwold, NJ)

January 2, 2009

- ❖ I read about Dr. Pryors death in the NJ and Philadelphia newspapers and I thought what a wonderful Doctor, father,husband soldier and human being he was. He lived his life serving his country in many ways. I'm sure he will be terribly missed at HUP.

Joan (NJ)

January 2, 2009

- ❖ John was a PGY4 when I was a chief resident. He was one of those individuals who truly loved surgery, and was a joy to work with. On my last day of residency (June 1998), John and I performed a common bile duct resection for a carcinoid tumor from a young patient. He was so ready for being a chief resident, and such a gifted surgeon, and we had a great day in the OR. I believe he later wrote the case up. I will always remember John, as he simply was all that a surgeon should be, and more. There are very few people who are born to be surgeons, and John was certainly one of them. His love and compassion for his work was always very obvious. He was a true gentleman and always a man of his word. My deepest condolences to his family.

H Haldun Dosluoglu (Buffalo, NY)

January 2, 2009

❖

Dear Carmela and family,

I cannot even come close to express my condolences to you on John's death. I knew John through the trauma world and of course through you, Carmela. Please let me know if I can do anything for you and the kids. you are all on my mind every day and my prayers are with you and John.

Diane Perks (Philadelphia, PA)

January 1, 2009

☒ To John's family: We mourn with you at this difficult time. It is with a heavy heart I write this and offer our condolences. We will keep you in our prayers.

To John's parents: We especially mourn with you and for you. We know how it feels to lose a son. We lost our only son to cancer many years ago. He also was very young and had a promising career as an attorney. May the peace of Christ sustain you.

My husband had neurosurgery at Pennsylvania Hospital on St. Pat's Day, 2006. He was left with a plethora of problems, including the need for a feeding tube. Having had multiple GI surgeries in the past, this was not going to be a slam dunk. Attempts tried were unsuccessful. Given his complex GI tract, the doctors consulted had no solutions, nor were they willing to try any more. He needed a feeding tube to survive.

About a year ago, a nurse practitioner in the ICU decided to approach Dr. Pryor. At that point, my husband was a patient at HUP for almost two years. I was skeptical because other so-called Top Docs were unsuccessful in their efforts. But I agreed to the consult. The minute he walked into the room and introduced himself, I just knew this man was special. My husband felt the same way. He exuded a profound aura of confidence, calmness, and caring. He asked questions and then gave his opinion about how he would proceed to help solve the problem using a G/J tube. We gave our permission in a New York minute. We had complete faith in this man we never even heard of before and had met just 20 minutes ago. He sensed my deep concern for my husband's well-being. He gave me his business card and even wrote his own cell phone number on the back for me to call if I felt the need. I still carry it today. I am convinced my husband is alive today because Dr. Pryor was willing to venture where others would not. Although my husband is still at HUP due to other complications, we are eternally grateful. John Pryor was not only a Top-Doc; he was a top notch human being who, despite his success, was humble. When I thanked him after my husband's procedure was successful, he gave all the credit to the other doctors involved and refused any thanks. He will be sadly missed by all the fortunate people whose paths he crossed.

After our meeting that first day, we talked a bit about Iraq. I mentioned I was an American of Lebanese descent and spoke Arabic. His eyes lit up as he told me he spoke some Arabic too. We had a nice little conversation in Arabic. His pronunciation was perfect! It was far better than my Irish husband's who has been trying for years to get it right.

Yvonne Noonan (Easton, PA)

January 1, 2009

- ✘ To the family of Dr. Pryor,
I read the news with great sadness. We have lost one of the truly good guys. His death is such a loss.

I was fortunate that JP came into my life. He operated on me several years ago in an emergent situation. JP was a gifted surgeon and wonderfully kind man. My deepest condolences. I know my former colleagues at HUP have lost a dear member of their family as well.

Chris Friese (Ann Arbor, MI)

January 1, 2009

- ✘ A great man of honor and valor gave all so that we might enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This mother of two and a complete stranger is deeply saddened to learn of your loss.

Pam (NJ)

January 1, 2009

- ✘ Very sorry to hear of the lose of Major John Pryor- a true humanitarian and great doctor.
Reminds ofthe Trauma- Doctor that I had that went to Penn and John Hopkins. Probably the same type of person- dedicated, personable and a great heart.
Dr. Pryor will be gretly missed at the University of Pennsylvania.
A Great Loss.

Benjamin Jones (Laguna Beach, CA)

January 1, 2009

- ✘ The Family of John,

I've not had the honor of meeting John,
However, learning about the giving of his unselfishness too others,we can rest assured he is with God's Army now, and more than likely,a promotion in rank.And our Lord's Army,need's all the leader's he can muster at this time.

God Bless

tom oneill (bensalem, PA)

January 1, 2009

- ✘ So sorry for your lost.
Jenn Smith (L.A., CA)
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January 1, 2009

- ✘ The Trauma Team in Philadelphia has lost a great member. He & his family will be in our prayers.

Bartholomew Tortella (Newtown Square, PA)

January 1, 2009

- ✘ God Bless,for your loving care.in 2002. Dennis and Mary Maloney.

May he rest in Peace.

Dennis Maloney (Monroe Twp., NJ)

January 1, 2009

- ✘ May God give you strength during this difficult time. You and your family are in my prayer. My deepest sympathy.

Yari Hickman (Philadelphia, PA)

December 31, 2008

- ✘ Carmela,
My heart goes out to you and your family. I know what your husband and family mean to you. John was truly a man of great honor. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Allyson Pannella (Doylestown, PA)

December 31, 2008

- ✘ Such a very sad loss. I had the privilege of working with Dr. Pryor at HUP. What an extraordinary man to give so much to others-so kind, compassionate and dedicated to all his patients and coworkers. Dr. Pryor will never be forgotten.
Lots of love and Prayers for his beautiful family.

Kristen Mallitz (PA)

December 31, 2008

- ✘ Carmella
Words are not enough at this terrible time. We are here for you and the kids. It was an honor to train with the both of you. John was a good man and will be sorely missed. Rest in peace my friend
Stu and Marnie Bradin (Ann Arbor)

Stuart Bradin (ann arbor)

December 31, 2008

- ✘ To The Pryor Family:
My name is Sgt. Richard Gonzalez. I had the pleasure (along with several people in this guest book) of working with Major Pryor in the operating room back in 2006. Never once have I met a man who was so caring and professional. Major Pryor was easy to talk to and never had an ounce of ego. I've had many opportunities to break bread with him both in between long operating room cases and in the dining facility when we were in Abu Gharib. He was very easy going, smiled often and was quick with a joke. He was foremost a teacher. He taught some of our medics how to suture a wound. He showed me a few tricks on a couple of procedures. And when it came down to an emergency, he was the go to guy. Major Pryor was a man amongst men. He became a part of our family in the 344th day he stepped into our Operating Room. He really was the best.

Sgt. Richard Gonzalez

Richard Gonzalez (Woodside, NY)



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December 31, 2008

- ❖ May the Lord be with all family and friends of Dr. John Pryor; he saved my Mother's life last year while battling cancer. He was a Saint and his life has touched our family in a way we will never forget.

Daniel Bocchino (Newtown Square, PA)

December 31, 2008

- ❖ A REAL HUMANITARIAN AND HERO
ROBERT BENTZ (WILMINGTON, DE)

December 31, 2008

- ❖ You are in our thoughts and prayers.
**SANTA,JOHN,ANTHONY,JOHN JR . . PARRINELLO
(COOPER CITY, FL)**

December 31, 2008

- ❖ The world mourns this and every loss. My heart goes out to all that feel it so deeply.

Bill Pollock (Jackson, NJ)

December 31, 2008

- ❖ To The Family of Dr. John Pryor:

Dr. Pryor was one of my Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) instructors in March. He was an amazing teacher. I was very shocked and saddened by the news when I returned to Philadelphia for the holidays. I am very sorry for your loss.

Stella Wong (Dallas, TX)

December 31, 2008

- ❖ The mark of a life and this man's life is that he left this world better off than he found it. I never met him but I have met many like him who serve in Iraq and our cities whose only enemy is death. Thank you for caring for others.

Joseph OGERSHOK (Tyrone, PA)

December 31, 2008

- ❖ I went to medical school with John way back in the days. John was a very dedicated and smart student and just an all round good decent guy. My prayers are to you Carmela and your kids. I pray that John is in a good place now. God Bless.

Tamara Caithamer M.D. (New York, NY)

December 31, 2008

- ❖ I was saddened to learn of Dr. Pryor's tragic death. My thoughts are with his family. Dr. Pryor took action and lived the message of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, "...Seek always to do some good, somewhere." Every American who benefits from the dedication soldiers and physicians give in service to their country, appreciate their sacrifice.

God's speed, Dr. Pryor. Love and prayers to your family. You will forever remain in our hearts.

Dixie Leigh Barron (Hernando, MS)

December 30, 2008

- Dr John Pryor was a brilliant trauma dr and very compassionate to the patients family. 2 yrs ago he was the admitting Dr for our then 22 yr old son who was air lifted from Reading Hosptial to HUP. Our son was in a near fatal motorcycle accident. Dr Pryor and his brilliant trauma team saved our son's life. We will never forget him and what he did for our son and our family.
 We were very upset to hear of his death. He has touched so many lives he will never be forgotten.
 Our deepest sympathy go out to the Pryor family. We pray that God will give you strength during this time.
 Thank You Dr Pryor for saving our son's life. Rest in Peace.
- Debbie Sauk (Thorndale, PA)**
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December 30, 2008

- To the family of Dr. John Pryor; I am so sorry for your loss. John will truly be missed, he touched so many lives in his brief time here. I knew John in his days with the Clifton Park Ambulance and have thought of him fondly over the years. I feel privledged to have known him. May god bless you and keep you in your time of sorrow.
- Danielle (Doran)McDonough (Melbourne, FL)**
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December 30, 2008

- Dear Carmella and Family,
 I am so sorry for your loss. I pray for you to find strength and comfort knowing John was a true hero. May God Bless you.
 Bonnie Golasa
- Bonnie Golasa (Philadelphia, PA)**
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December 30, 2008

- To Vicki and Richard and to the family of John Pryor, my deepest sympathy to you at this time. My heart just breaks for all of you. But it sounds like Dr. Pryor lived life to the fullest and made the most of his time on earth. What a legacy he leaves to his family and this nation. His compassion, honor, integrity and patriotism are to be commended.
- Carole Trifiletti (Albany, NY)**
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December 30, 2008

- Lou Holtz once said: "What you are capable of achieving is determined by your talent. What you actually achieve is determined by your attitude."
 John Pryor was extremely talented but he will be remember for each of his achievements - his love of country, his dedication to family and to co-workers.
 I had the occasion to work with John Pryor on several projects and saw him frequently in the halls and Trauma Bay at HUP and John

always had a smile on his face even when faced with the most critical patient.

I too was there the day Camela was flown in to HUP - it was the only day I did not see JP smiling. my heartfelt condolences to the family and if there is anything that I or any of the PennSTAR family can do please just ask. Rest in peace and God Bless Major John Pryor.

John Gillespie (PennSTAR Flight, PA)

December 30, 2008

- ❏ As many times as we've heard the news coverage and as much as we have discussed it amongst ourselves, we are all still in disbelief that we will never have the pleasure of working with your calm, charismatic demeanor in these chaotic ORs. We all were aware of your travel abroad and to us it was "why?" and to you it was "why not". We all took for granted that we would see you again. We sit here reading these heartfelt tributes and wearing yellow and black ribbons in remembrance of your contributions to all. We are sure that you will not be forgotten because the whisper of your name and the manner in which you soothed souls will live on. We hope these words will bring some comfort to your family.

HUP OR Blue Zone Nurses (Philadelphia)

December 30, 2008

- ❏ My deepest sympathies to all who were graced to know him. God Bless you in your time of sorrow. And God speed you on your journey Home.

P. Barratt

December 30, 2008

- ❏ I am so sorry to here about your loss.I'm sure he was a good person..Just remember that God loved him very much.

(VA)

December 30, 2008

- ❏ Major Prior honored the medical profession and the US Army. I salute a fallen colleague.

Rear Admiral David M. Lichtman
Medical Corps, U.S. Navy, Retired

David Lichtman (Fort worth, TX)

December 30, 2008

- ❏ My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.

Carole Ann Davis (Philadelphia, PA)

December 30, 2008

- ❏ The HUP family has lost a true hero in John. Not only was he a gifted surgeon but the true epitome of what it means to be empathetic and kind to all who surrounded him. My heart goes out to the entire Pryor family...his smile will be surely missed around

the hospital...

Jodi Silow (Merion Station)

December 30, 2008

- ❏ All gave some, some gave all. God bless Dr Pryor and his family.
Patrick Miola (Shohola, PA)
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December 30, 2008

- ❏ Dr/Major Pryor was an excellent clinician during his first tour with the 344th. He touched the lives of friend and foe alike. His memory will live on. God bless his family, relatives, co-workers, comrades and freinds.
Major. Joan R. Davis (New Rochelle, NY)
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December 30, 2008

- ❏ To the entire family:
Thank you for sharing John with us. All of you made great sacrifices so that he could use his gifts to help others. My last fond memory was seeing all of you as a family together at the AAST conference. I followed you in the airport as hand in hand you walked together knowing you must be thinking of how you would be separated in a few short months. On behalf of the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation, please accept our deepest sympathy. He helped so many people and is a role model for all of us.

Juliet Geiger RN, MSN

Executive Director

Pa. Trauma Systems Foundation

Juliet Geiger (Mechanicsburg, PA)

December 30, 2008

- ❏ I only know Dr. Pryor from his obituary in the Philadelphia Inquirer. He was a hero of the first order and he makes me proud to be an American. I only wish I had known him. May God bless his family.
Tom White (Seabrook Island, SC)
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December 30, 2008

- ❏ I was honored to serve with John at Abu Ghraib in 2006. Not only was he a very gifted and dedicated trauma surgeon but a wonderful Christian man in every respect. His dedication to Country, family, friends and his fellow man served as a role model for all those whose lives he touched. My heartfelt sympathy to John's wife, children, parents, brother and all those who grieve for him. Rest in peace John, until we meet again.

COL(Ret) Bill Martin

Cdr, TF 344 Med

Bill Martin (Burke, VA)

December 30, 2008

- ❏ The Final Salute

“Brothers in Arms”, Military men and women down through the centuries, have traditionally exchanged “Hand Salutes” as a sign of recognition and as a way to render courtesy and respect one to another.

This “Hand Salute” is the last that we shall render to Maj. John P. Pryor our Brother in Arms. To his family it symbolizes the love and respect that we have for John. And to John it is rendered as a symbol of honor and gratitude to thank him for the ultimate sacrifice he made for his country while opposing terrorist forces in Iraq. No greater love is shown than a man lay down his life for another. John, you are a brave Warrior, a true Patriot and a national Hero. With your passing, our Country has lost a National Treasure. We bid you a sad farewell. You will be dearly missed from among our ranks. Be at ease. Rest in Peace.

On behalf of the 1,409 members of Lowe-McFarlane Post 14 of the American Legion in Shreveport, Louisiana, I extend our sympathies and our condolences to John’s family and loved ones.

Dennis N. Engdahl, Commander, American Legion Post 14
5315 S. Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA 71109

For the Commander, Carroll R. Michaud (Shreveport, LA)

December 30, 2008

- ❖ Dr Pryor touched the hearts of those locally at Penn and around the world. It has been an honor to work along side of him in our Trauma Bay. He will be greatly missed.

Joy Penniston (Philadelphia, PA)

December 30, 2008

- ❖ Major/Dr. John Pryor and Carmella -You may not remember me but the the both of you touched my life when we were in medical school together- I am also a Major in the army reserves and have 3 children 4, 8, and 10 years old. if there is anything I can do let me know and my prayers are with you- John was an incredible guy.

Eva Dickinson, MD

Eva Dickinson (Easton, MD)

December 30, 2008

- ❖ I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Pryor was a great man and doctor. The world lost a true hero. He saved my fathers life in 2004. He was always just a phone call away when we had just a simple question. Our family expresses our deepest sympathy to the family.

Joann Janowski (Ashley, PA)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ John, I just wanted to say thank you for your brave and honorable service to a greatful nation. Like so many others you have volunteered to serve our country and protect the vary freedom

America was built on. Please know John that you like so many other fallen brother and sisters in arms that you will never be forgotten and you are heroes to us all. My nephew PFC Aaron J. Ward also paid the ultimate price on 5/6/08 while on a routine patrol in Anbar Province as an MP. His unit was ambushed and came under small arms fire and he was taken from us. Not a day goes by that I do not think of him and all our brave heroes serving in our armed services. I stand tall and salute you John and will forever honor the memory of you along with my nephew. To the Pryor family words cannot express enough the pain both our families now must endure and my prayer is that the memory of your brave hero carry you through each day as you cope with this tragic loss. Since the loss of my dear nephew I have written on every single legacy page of every fallen soldier and included a photo of my nephew. I encourage you to do the same to Aaron's page. I have done this to honor my nephew but to let you know that is not alone and my nephew is with him and they are now in God's gracious hands waiting for us to join them one day. From the bottom of my heart please except my sincere condolences and please feel free to write back when ever you would like. God Bless and we will always be thinking of our HEROES.

Gary Tolle (menifee, CA)



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December 29, 2008

- I worked in the Patient Administration office of the prison hospital in Abu Ghraib, Iraq. Maj. Pryor was always a joy to work with and he will forever be missed. My heart and prayers go out to the family. Take comfort in knowing that Doc. Pryor was one of the best doctors, soldiers, & men that alot of people have ever worked with. May his soul rest in peace, he will never be forgotten.

MICHELLE WILSON 344TH CSH (BROOKLYN, NY)

December 29, 2008

- To the family, friends & co-workers of Dr. John J. Pryor. I tried to think of something, anything to say that could help you with your grief. I realized there is nothing I can say. But someday you will hear a voice inside telling you to let it go and accept God's plan for us. I am so sorry I didn't get to meet Dr. Pryor and look into the eyes of an angel.

Marie DiMatteo (wilmington, DE)

December 29, 2008

- I met Dr Pryor on several occasions as I work indirectly for him. I met him last year when his wife was injured and at that point I saw what a caring and compassionate man/Doctor he truly was. I have heard so many stories about him and now I know what I saw on that day, was truly what Dr John Pryor is all about. God Bless....You will truly be missed at HUP.

John Mick (Havertown, PA)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ Carmella, Danielle, Frankie, and John John, I am so sorry for your loss. I know that there are no words that can fill the void that has been left behind. John was an amazing husband, father and doctor. I am honored to have known him. To Mr. and Mrs. Pryor, you should be very proud of all that John accomplished and all the people that he helped. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Illyce Wacker (Cherry Hill, NJ)
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December 29, 2008

- ❖ We did not know your husband and father..But after reading about his service to our country and service as a surgeon..I felt I had to write and tell you how very sorry we are for your loss..What a wonderful man!! I am sure his spirit will live on in his children and other doctors who witnessed his skills, sense of calm and truly caring ways..God Bless Dr. John Pryor and his family..
From a Military Family
JOHNSON FAMILY (MARLTON, NJ)
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December 29, 2008

- ❖ I am writing to offer my deepest sympathies to you and your family over the loss of your HERO Major John P Pryor. I lost my son in Iraq on May 6/2007, so I can well understand your pain of losing a loved one so dear.

I pray you will be guided by a higher power to give you peace, comfort and strength in this time.

Psalm 34:18

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit

GOD Bless you and your family. Your soldier was a true American Hero and we are all very proud of his service. He will not be forgotten!

(Proud mother of Sgt Joel W. Lewis, 5/20, 3-2 SBCT /Ft Lewis KIA 5/6/07, Baqubah, Iraq)

<http://www.myspace.com/tulsaok1nurse>

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Gale Poindexter (Tulsa, OK)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ To the Pryor Family,
No words can ever describe how amazing your husband, father, son, brother is. I met Dr Pryor just 3 years ago while I was a patient of his at HUP. Dr John Pryor saved my life and I am grateful everyday for having met him and for everything he did for me and my family. I am blessed to have to have met an angel and a hero.
(NJ)

December 29, 2008

- ✘ May God grant you peace and give peace and to those you leave behind. It was indeed a pleasure working with you sir. God Bless.
Freddie Harps (Philadelphia, PA)

December 29, 2008

- ✘ Carmella and children. We were shocked and saddened to learn of John's death, he was truly a great man. You should be proud of his legacy as he will never be forgotten, as a surgeon, father, husband, son, brother and friend. A true American, I can only hope to be more like him. Our prayers are with you and the children. Stay strong. Love the Kinney's
Michael and Kim Kinney (Turnersville, NJ)

December 29, 2008

- ✘ My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.
Carol Barnes Maj (RET) (Brooklyn Ny, NY)

December 29, 2008

- ✘ It was a great honor to have known, and worked with Maj /Dr. Pryor in Iraq (Abu Grhaib prison) He was an excellent Surgeon, a dedicated Soldier, and great human. I remember him when a Soldier or Marine is brought to the OR he would say " that Soldier/Marine must not die". He loved what he did.No matter how much we say, and do there will be no one as you. We will all miss you.You have touched a lot of people Military and Civillian alike. To the wife, children, and parents he left behind, our prayers are with you, may God be with you in this time of sorrow, please remember God does not leave his own. John is in a better place, we can cry, and be sad, but we should also celebrate his life, and the memories he left behind.
John, we love you but God loves you more, sleep well untill we meet again.
REST IN PEACE.
Anthony Bells (Fairlawn)



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December 29, 2008

- ✘ john i will never forget the day when i called you to tell you about carmela's accident. how calm, strongand courageous you were.keeping me calm as we together assessed your wife's injuries over the phone,how you mobilized your team and helicopter team to come for her, how YOU comforted me at the hospital that night, you strength and courage and willingness to help others goes on and on and on and on.....i want you to know i will always be there for carm and the kinds,i can only hope to have half the stregth you had.i love you and your family.please rest in peace.
peg moran (hainesport, NJ)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ My prayers go out to John's entire family - his parents, his wife and children - his brother - and to all the people he touched through out his life. He will be missed by all.

Suzanne Whitney (New Rochelle, NY)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ I'm honored to be your Sigma Nu fraternity brother. You are missed.

Wayne Brown (New City, NY)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ Eternal Life has been bestowed on Maj. John P. Pryor. He is an Angel, lifted into Heaven. We will see our Hero again.

Joe Russo (Lawrenceville, NJ)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ John was an extraordinary person, surgeon, mentor and friend. Teachers and doctors like this are hard to come by. Most of all, his words of his family showed how much he truly cared. He will forever be missed but always remembered.

My deepest sympathy to the Pryor and Calvo Families.

Jason Zeller (Philadelphia, PA)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ I had the opportunity to work with John as a medical student and a resident. I have followed his career with interest and awe. He was a very nice person with great skills and ability. He had a wonderful blend of personality, commitment, industry and common sense that made him a valuable asset in any endeavor. We will miss him.

James Hassett, MD (Buffalo, NY)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ My family and I will keep the Pryor family in our prayers. Dr. Pryor was a true hero and sacrificed everything for which he believed in. His service to his community and to his country will never be forgotten. God bless all the brave service men and women that are fighting for the freedom of others and our safety at home.

Melissa Giordano (Palmyra, PA)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ I worked with Dr. Pryor as a trauma paramedic at the University of Penn for 5 years. I cannot put into words the sadness I felt when I heard the news. He taught his trauma team well and when he was working and he would be at the foot of the trauma table directing the care of the next victim, you knew that person had the best shot at surviving, if possible. Always calm, cool and collected. I don't recall him ever being rattled. There was a job to do and he was going to see it done. The whole team could feel his confidence. He will be deeply missed but, I have also worked with the doctors he trained and they will carry his legacy on. I will keep his family in my

prayers and say goodbye to a true hero and humanitarian.

Bob Gallagher, EMT-P (Philadelphia, PA)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ You were my hero before this tragedy- Now everyone's. I have never known a more intelligent, funny, down to earth human being. I am so fortunate to have worked with you. Thanks for the laughs in the trauma bay! My deepest condolences to the family. He will be truly missed!

Sunnie DeAngelis (Philadelphia, PA)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ In the few months I served with John in Iraq, I came to love him like a brother. He was the best of us; a great surgeon who loved his family deeply, a wonderful guy, a true patriot, a loyal friend. I miss him dearly. His family is in my prayers.

COL Brian Rees MD (San Luis Obispo, CA)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ My heart goes out to you and your family at this time. I shed tears for a man I wish I had known.

Eileen Waldman (Boynton Beach, FL)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ To the Pryor and Calvo Families:
Words can not express my deepest sympathy to all of you at this time. What an honor it was to work for John. I did not consider him my boss but my brother. He was an excellent surgeon. His love for his family was unbelievable. Just know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Lauren Platt (Secane, PA)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ I went to Shenendehowa, played on the varsity volleyball team with and graduated with John in 1984 - all with much joking and laughter. This is truly a sad loss, especially considering all the talent and ability he had to offer to his family, his community and his country. I pray that God will give John an eternal reward in heaven. And I also pray for his family.

Dave Marra (Clifton Park, NY)

December 29, 2008

- ❖ My heart is broken for you all; for us all. I had the privilege of working with Dr. Pryor at HUP in the trauma bay on some of those West Philly Friday nights and his incredible skill, compassion, and humor lifted my heart countless times. I was always glad to have the opportunity to work with him because he was ever teaching the team to be better practitioners and by his personal example, to be better humans. He personified the virtues of patience, kindness, and gentleness with patients, their families, and the trauma team. His appreciation of the quirkiness of people and life and his humor was a blessing. John Pryor was the embodiment of goodness. My prayers

are with his family and friends.

Deborah Elliott, RN (Philadelphia, PA)

December 29, 2008

- Dear Family - Thank you for being willing to allow Dr. Pryor to serve. There is no greater love than what he has done here. I pray for peace and comfort for all those left behind.

Deb

Wife of USAFR currently in Iraq

Mother of USMC son who previously served in Iraq

Deb Bucci (Aston, PA)

December 29, 2008

- Dr. (Major) Pryor
Thank you for the ultimate and unselfish sacrifice.
To Mrs. Pryor, the children and family, my heartfelt sympathy to you in this untimely and profound loss.
You will be in my thoughts and prayers.
I am deeply affected by this.

Kathleen (Philadelphia)

An Army Mom of a Son serving his his third Tour of Duty.

Kathleen Vizzarri (Philadelphia, PA)

December 29, 2008

- We have lost a great surgeon and an awesome human being. You are missed! I learnt a lot from you.
Bianca (Phialdelphia)
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December 29, 2008

- WE WORKED WITH JOHN DURING HIS RESIDENCY AT ECMC IN BUFFALO NY. HE WAS A VERY COMPASSIONATE INDIVIDUAL AND AN EXCELLENT PHYSICIAN. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED.
BURN UNIT ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (BUFFALO, NY)
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December 29, 2008

- Dear Family:
I did not know Dr. Pryor, but I do know that he touched many, many people. My deepest sympathies to you in the overwhelming time of grief.
My father died on November 17. He was also a beloved doctor. I know how much these guest book entries mean to my family.
There are no words that can take away the pain. Please know that you are in the hearts of many.

Julie Evert (St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands)

December 29, 2008

- ❏ Carmella and family, We at Penn are at a loss. For this nurse, walking in the trauma bay will never be the same. Who will I drive crazy now? A man who gave so much to so many, most of whom do not even know it. We pray for him and for your family. His family at HUP will never forget him.

Godspeed John.

Rhonda Holmstrom, RN (Woodbury Heights, NJ)

December 29, 2008

- ❏ I had the great pleasure of working with you at abu ghraib,you were a soldiers soldier,doctor,mentor ,leader and a brother in arms.I will forever miss you.You're always willing to teach and making everyone wanted and important.Never disrespectful and always a kind word.May you may rest AMONG THE ANGELS,you were one on earth.Gods speed.

tunde babawale (brooklyn, NY)

December 29, 2008

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tunde babawale SSG (BROOKLYN)

December 29, 2008

- ❏ It was a pleasure to have known and worked with Dr. Pryor on the trauma service. Though I have moved many miles away from my hometown of Philadelphia, I hold HUP and all my previous co-workers in a special place of my heart. My thoughts and prayers go out to Dr. Pryor's family, friends and the Hospital of University of Penn at this time. He will be missed!

Linda Frasier OTR (Las Vegas, NV)

December 29, 2008

- ❏ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Dr. Pryor was an amazing teacher and mentor to me during the past several years as I've worked with and learned from him in the SICU and with the trauma team. He supported all of his colleagues, whether we had worked with him for days or years. He showed us daily that he was truly passionate about his vocation, his family, and his life. None of us can quite believe that he won't be back. He is, and will continue to be, deeply missed.

Nancy Etzel (Philadelphia, PA)

December 29, 2008

- ❏ On the day after Christmas, my brother Mike Rotondo and his family, drove from Greenville, NC to Rochester, NY to spend the

weekend and celebrate the holidays with his family. I spoke to Mike while he was on the road that day and he said that on Christmas Day he was at the hospital doing follow-up on some patients and "dealing with a faculty issue." When he arrived at our home later that day, it was obvious to me that he was grief stricken. He told me then, that he had lost a precious friend and colleague in southern Iraq on Christmas Day. His friend and colleague Dr. John J. Pryor had fatally fallen to a direct hit on his way back from attending Midnight Mass. Mike was doing "damage control" with his colleagues at UPenn and ECU and others all over the country. He made and received countless phone calls speaking with, and consoling friends and colleagues.

I had the opportunity to meet John a couple years ago at the East Trauma Conference and had the pleasure to speak with him about his experiences in the Army Reserves. The world of critical care surgery has lost a major contributor.

My husband Gary and I send our most sincere sympathy to John's loved family and to his colleagues. You all are in our prayers during these coming weeks.

Marge Rotondo-Hauer (Rochester, NY)

December 29, 2008

- ✘ To MD pryors family. First , let me express my deepest sympathy for your family, the loss you have taken is a great one. I only knew "JP" from the Trauma room at HUP. As a Medic, I worked along side of him and he was with out a doubt in my mind, one of the kindest docs I was ever able to meet in my few years at HUP. We will forever be brothers in the service. May God bless you and your family at this time of grief.

Ryan (South Jersey)

Ryan Aitken (Woodbury, NJ)

December 28, 2008

- ✘ May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well-lived.

Monica Scott R.N. (Philadelphia, PA)

December 28, 2008

- ✘ Dr. Pryor was a great physician and mentor. He took the time out of his busy schedule to help mentor a group of medical students during their four years of school. I was fortunate to be a part of that group. He told some great stories (that I continue to retell) and always had something comforting and insightful to say during the difficult times. My heart goes out to his family, colleagues, patients and to all those whose lives he touched.

Elana Katz (Philadelphia, PA)

December 28, 2008

- ✘ "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." Countless medics,

nurses, and physicians are honored to have worked with you. We deeply mourn your death. Sincerest condolences to your family.

Richard Levitan MD (Radnor, PA)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ My condolences to your loss...This gentleman seemed to have made a huge impact in the world of medicine and human Kind. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

God Bless

Courtney

Courtney oropallo (Albany, NY)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ I am among the fortunate who has had the honor and privilege to have worked with Dr. John Pryor. His influence on me during my 2 years at Penn will always remain. John was a mentor, a leader, and a friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family. To a hero that will not be forgotten.

Bruno Molino (Oceanport, NJ)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ I have had the priveledge of working with Dr. Pryor in the OR of Penn. HUP could have not have been blessed with am more dedicated and devoted surgeon. His calm demeanor was a comforting force in the middle of a trauma and his respect for all levels of healthcare professionals was an example for us all. Our city and our hospital have lost a truly great man!

M M (philadelphia, PA)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ It is difficult to put into words the countless contributions John made to countless individuals in his too short life. As a nurse who worked alongside him for his years at Penn please accept my deepest condolences. Please be comforted in knowing that he spoke of his family often and always with great pride and love. Johnny, when I am making the coffe at 0300, know it is for you. God speed. Carla

Carla Grasso,RN (Philadelphia)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ Well Carm, we were apparently among greatness beyond our understanding! Now he is with GREATNESS! May his amazing works and the legacy he left behind give you some comfort. He has left you the strength you need to get through, I promise!

The Kramer & Trzuskowski Family (Sewell, NJ)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ Our heartfelt prayers go out to the loving family and friends of this great man. MAJ (Dr) Pryor served our country with honor, zeal and dignity, and so did his family. We thank you for your sacrifice and grieve your loss.

COL (Dr) and Mrs. Bryan Gamble (Tampa, FL)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ As a good friend of Vicky and Richard, I extend from the bottom of my aching heart my prayers to the entire Pryor Family at this horribly sad time. I was shocked and saddened at the news and pray for the whole family

With love,

Mary Ann Ciamarra (New York, NY)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ Carmella, Danielle, Frankie, John-John, & family--I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are all in my thoughts & prayers. John was not only my boss at UPenn, but my teacher, mentor, and friend. He was an amazing man and had a heart of gold. He also had a way of making me smile, even when I was having a bad day. We worked side by side as a team and he had quickly gained my utmost respect and trust. There was no one else like him... He truly meant the world to me. Most importantly, he loved you all so very much and was so proud of each and every one of you. He spoke of you all fondly and always w/ a smile! This is truly a sad day, but I know for certain that although John is no longer physically with us, he is still helping others. God has welcomed an angel into his kingdom. My most sincere condolences to you and the entire family and please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Anne-Marie Podgorski (Philadelphia, PA)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ Our heartfelt prayers and love are extended to John's family. Vickie and Richard have always been special friends.

Our sincere sympathy,

Leo and Anne Troy

Leo Troy (Hockessin, DE)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ Carmella and family-
My heart goes out to you at this painful time. I couldn't believe it when I read that John was gone. He is still with you in spirit. Please contact me if you need anything at all.

Gayle Higgins

Gayle Higgins (Palmyra, NJ)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ REST IN PEACE MAJ. PRYOR, TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS MAY THE MEMORIES OF THIS WONDERFUL SOLDIERS LIFE FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES
GOD BLESS YOU
SHIRLEY DONEY (BALDWIN, MI)
-

December 28, 2008

- ❖ I did not know Dr. Pryor beyond a few brief conversations. Despite

that I thought of him as a true hero and inspiration. My condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

Robert (Philadelphia, PA)

December 28, 2008

- ✘ Dear Carmella,
My heart breaks to hear of this tragic loss. John was larger than life in so many ways. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Cathy Fierro (Moorestown, NJ)

December 28, 2008

- ✘ Thank you for your service to Phila and to the world at large. Reading these messages only make it harder to understand why Good Men die when they have so much to do for the rest of us. May his family find comfort in these pages and may his children know him even better by the messages written by those who worked with him or learned from him. This was a Great Man and this is an even greater loss for us all. He will never be forgotten as he is one of America's Bravest so he walks into history as one who gave his life so others may live free. Peace to the World in his Honor, Please!!!

Eileen (Wake Forest, NC)

December 28, 2008

- ✘ With 11 pages, perhaps my entry is not necessary. Still, as a PA who has lived and breathed Emergency/Trauma as well as Military Medicine, I cannot express how incredibly great it is/was to work with a caring physician in that very crucial time of trauma.

May you recall the best and know others revered Dr. Pryor!

Charlene Morris (Stonewall, NC)

December 28, 2008

- ✘ Dr. Pryor was a true example of how we should all live our lives, especially when we have the talent to save lives. My heart goes out to you his wife and children, but please remember he is with the Lord, who is probably laughing at something JP is saying right now. Dr Pryor was truly an example of what a "Good" man is! Mrs. Pryor you and your children will all be in my prayers! The world was a better place because Dr. Pryor was here! RN in the ER at Penn
S M (PA)
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December 28, 2008

- ✘ May the knowledge that Dr. Pryor saved innumerable lives and comforted countless victims serve to assuage the grief of his family and loved ones and may he rest in peace in the bosom of the Lord.
Edward G. Stafford (Brigantine, NJ)
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December 28, 2008

- ✚ I offer my prayers and deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Pryor.

We give thanks for his faith and devotion to his profession. He gave unstintingly of himself in life to the service of others. May he now enjoy the rewards promised him..."As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

May he rest in peace.

God bless.

Sister Georgine Marie, IHM

Georgine Williamson (Springfield, PA)

December 28, 2008

- ✚ Major Pryor was truly a great man, doctor, and educator. I only worked with him a few times but it only took about 5 minutes to realize that he was the kind of doctor that I want to be. He led by example and made it his mission to pass on his knowledge, experience, and warmth to everyone he met.

Another saddened medical student

2LT USA

December 28, 2008

- ✚ I am praying that Maj. John P. Pryor's family and friends feel the love that John still sends to them, that they are comforted that John has done alot of good for this world, and still continues to do so. John will feel no more pain "from losing a patient", because he is now in heaven to welcome them there. His work on earth may be done, but his love for you all is as strong as his will and courage always was. I thank you for your sacrifices, and your strength to honor John as I know you will. May God's grace find you and comfort you.

Soldier's Angel - Patti Heller (WI)

December 28, 2008

- ✚ A remarkable man. God bless John and his family.

Gary (Queens, NY)

December 28, 2008

- ✚ I did not know John personally, but do know his parents, and heard about him often. He was deeply loved by his family and will be missed forever. Certainly he is resting from his labors in the presence of God.

My prayers are with his Mother, Father, Brother, Wife and Children at this very, very sad time. May God comfort you and give you the strength to carry on with life. I know from all that I have read about John, that he would not want you to give up on life because he gave his life doing what he loved.

A great man, surgeon and patriot, who was admired and loved by many.

Jan Murphy (Port St Lucie, FL)

December 28, 2008

- ☒ Dear Carmela, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you at this time.

Beth Jung MD (New York, NY)

December 28, 2008

- ☒ I am so sorry for your loss.

Dawn Warren (Huntington Beach, CA)

December 28, 2008

- ☒ Dr. John Pryor was my mentor, friend and role model. His encouraging words allowed me to spread my wings at Penn. Words cannot express the loss I feel. He is dearly loved and will be trully missed. My deepest sympathy to Carmella, his children and his family. It was an honor to have known you, Sir.

Michelle Strong (Philadelphia, PA)

December 28, 2008

- ☒ May you see from heaven, your name embraced on the Trauma Bay where you saved many, lost few and inspired everyone.

"The John P. Pryor Memorial Trauma Bay" , your co-workers are striving to make your legacy something to honor and cherise forever.

Saddened Coworkers (Philadelphia, PA)

December 28, 2008

- ☒ The thoughts and prayers of our CSH go out to the family of MAJ (Dr) John Pryor, a true American soldier, doctor, father, husband, and friend. Your service to our Country will live on and will not be forgotten. May God Bless your Soul.

COL (Dr) Robert J. Blok

345th CSH

Al Asad Air Base, Iraq

COL Robert Blok (Charlotte, NC)

December 28, 2008

- ☒ To the family of Dr. John J. Pryor:
Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of profound grief.

Cathy & David Burgoyne (Warrington, PA)

December 28, 2008

- ☒ To the Family of Dr. John Pryor---may God's peace and strength be with you. Dr Pryor was one of the attending physicians at HUP that helped save our son's life. Paul was in a horrible auto accident in December '04 it was through the skills and dedication of both Dr. Pryor and Dr. Schwab he surviived and fully recovered from the accident. My wife and I and son Paul meet each May at the Trama

Meeting. He was an extraordinary man and we will always be indebted to him for his concern, talents and unending commitment to being the best possible physician. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers-God bless you all.

The O'Hara Family

Mike O'Hara (Doylestown, PA)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ We at Temple University Health System share in this grief at losing a true leader of compassionate health care for all.

Warren Lyons (Philadelphia, PA)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ I had the honor of working with John. John was a great surgeon, mentor, and friend. He had a true passion for helping others, especially his patients and a great love for his country. Penn Trauma will never be the same...the world has lost a truly great man. I am reminded of a quote from Albert Schweitzer that describes John--"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

Alicia Garuffe (Philadelphia)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ Thank you John for your service to your country and the freedoms of the United States of America. Our condolences to your family. V.F.W. Post 9935.

paul robie (springvale, ME)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ Carmela, Danielle, Frankie and Jon Jon, I am sorry for your loss and will pray for each of you.

Patty Roxberry (Philadelphia, PA)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ To the family of Maj. John P. Pryor: John gave the ultimate sacrifice and will be held in the hearts of Americans forever. I cannot and will not let our fallen heroes be forgotten. My deepest sympathy to you. "Some gave all."

Peggy Childers

"Don't Let The Memory Of Them Drift Away"

www.IraqWarHeroes.org

Peggy Childers (Carson City, NV)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ My condolences to the family of Maj. John P. Pryor. May they know that there are many, many people who are grieving with them; and that care very deeply about them.

Sandy Bonesteel (Universal City, TX)

December 28, 2008

- ❖ My deepest sorrow for the family's loss.

1SG(R)Bernard Ruggieri
bernard Ruggieri (Lawton, OK)

December 28, 2008

- ☒ Rest in peace.
Henryk Zaleski USN (Ret) (Lake Placid, FL)
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December 27, 2008

- ☒ our hearts are broken for your loss...know that we your family and friends will gather tightly around you to give you strength and prayer..our greatest sympathy's to the Pryor & Calvo Family.. what a horrific loss....When we heard the news Christmas Day....our thoughts and prayers have been with you all. The Laurretta Family
Antonella Laurretta (Hauppauge, NY)
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December 27, 2008

- ☒ MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IS WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CARMELLA. YOU ARE ALL KEPT IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME.
Pattie white (philadelphia, PA)
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December 27, 2008

- ☒ To Maj. Pryor's family: He will be sorely missed at HUP, he was a warm and embracing spirit in the hospital. He touched many, and will continue to do so, he will be missed. My thoughts are with you at this time of need.
Lee Silver (Philadelphia, PA)
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December 27, 2008

- ☒ Major Pryor was an incredible educator and a selfless patriot. His spirit and dedication helped to inspire me to become a military physician, and I will proudly serve in the same way he did, with honor, devotion, and pride.
 God bless him and his family now and forever.

A saddened medical student
 2LT USA

December 27, 2008

- ☒ from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

It sounds like he died doing what he loved best - his country and medicine
Ann Doerffel (Warminster, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ What a profound loss to John's family and to all of society. Words can not express the deepest sympathies I feel for Carmella and his three children. I am trying to understand how a tragic event like this can happen to a man as great as John. My only consolation is knowing that John died doing what he loved----helping others. He touched countless lives, and we are all better people for having known him. John, you will be sorely missed. You are a hero in every sense of the word.

Mark Seamon (Philadelphia, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ John gave an inspiring talk at Kent General Hospital (Dover DE) last year. As a former military surgeon I am honored to have met John. I am very sorry for his family. Tom Barnett,MD

Tom Barnett (Dover, DE)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ My deepest sympathy to your entire family.

Maria Jacobs (West Chester, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ My deepest sympathies go to all of the Pryor family, co-workers and friends of this dear man. Dr. Maj. Pryor was a wonderful young man and I wish with all of my heart that his family had more time with him, but he will always be with you in spirit until you all meet again. God bless all of you.

Zenita Henderson (Blue Bell, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. Pryor, Rich and Families,
I am saddened by the loss of John. My family & I have many fond memories of times in Clifton Park, Shenendehowa and Boy Scouts. We thank you for his service to our country and offer our sincere sympathy.

Diane (Wagner) Rapp (East Berne, NY)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ As a Philadelphian reading of this man's passing is truly a heartbreaking thing. Though I did not know Dr. Pryor personally, you could tell by the way people spoke of him that he was a great man. If there were more people out there like him we would not need to fight wars anymore. My deepest sympathies go out to all his family and friends. His legacy of caring for others will always be in my heart.

Timothy Peterson (Philadelphia, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ Maj. John P. Pryor – a hero, a friend, and a mentor. You will always be remembered by your passion for helping the wounded and your convictions to do the right thing. Your spirit will continue in the lives that you touched and the people that you taught. I hope that I will live up to your expectations as I follow in your footsteps as a

trauma surgeon. I am saddened by not being able to have the opportunity of working side by side as colleagues. My prayers are with you and your family.

George Koenig (Baltimore, MD)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ May the prayers of family, friends, and colleagues comfort and strengthen the family in this difficult time. Please be assured that the prayers of our parish go out to all of you.

Although we had not met, as a Catholic doctor myself, I am in awe at the amazing impact this young man has made.

His passing will be difficult for those who remain, but he is a model and HERO that we can all hope to aspire to in this lifetime on earth.

May he forever enjoy Heaven.

Peace be with the family.

Kellee AbnerKarimpour M.D.

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Kellee AbnerKarimpour M.D. (Huntington, WV)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ I am saddened to learn of another death. May the God of our Lord and Savior comfort you in your hours of need. He was a hero and one of a kind. In time, may you be blessed with wonderful memories of him.

Maxine Stewart (Gainesvill, FL)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ From our military family to yours, we would like to thank MAJ John Pryor for his service and sacrifice to this grateful country, as well as send our deepest condolences for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Shelley H (Gentry, AR)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ Dr. Pryor was a kind, considerate and skilled surgeon. Having worked with him in critical situations he was always cool, and calm. This is a great tradgedy while serving his country. My sympathies go to his family.

David McGrail (Philadelphia, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ The sudden loss of our dear friend Dr. John Pryor deeply saddens us. As John made an impact on individuals, the City, and our country, fortunately for us he also embraced the FitzPatricks. We readily share the immense sorrow of his dear wife, his daughter, and his sons. We stand ready, as did John, to support his wife and children in any way possible.

May God rest John's soul and may God inspire us to appreciate even more the precious time that John Pryor shared his exemplary and

heroic life with us. Peace!

The Joseph FitzPatrick Family, Wilmington, DE
Joseph FitzPatrick (Wilmington, DE)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ Dr. Pryor was an amazing individual who inspired many of the students at the University of Pennsylvania. He never forgot where he came from and still took the time to give lectures to EMT's and other health care providers whenever he could. It's such a tragic loss since his life had so much purpose and drive. Nobody will forget Dr. Pryor. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Kirk (Philadelphia, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ God Bless You for all that you have done for our country and all the soldiers.

You did everything for all our soldiers. You were there for all of them and more.

You are home now. Rest in peace, your job is done now.

Carol Tuttle (Flint, MI)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ May Maj. Pryor rest in peace and the fact that he died saving his fellow warriors should not be forgotten!

Sincerely
 Frank Braun

December 27, 2008

- ✘ May Maj. Pryor rest in peace and the fact that he died saving his fellow warriors should not be forgotten!

Sincerely
 Frank Braun
Frank Braun (Clifto Heights, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

I am honoured to have known this great man. He taught us how to live for a cause, a cause he fought for his entire life, to help the helpless in a selfless manner. He was a great surgeon, a great teacher and above all a great human being.

Muzammil Aziz (Philadelphia, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ A true hero, Dr. Pryor was always passionate about his work, on and off the battlefield. With a twist of sarcastic humor he always brought excitement to the HUP community and trauma team, whether passing by in the halls or taking care of patients. When his children and wife would visit he would be so endearing to them, and for this the prayers of Philadelphia go out to them. God bless. He will never be forgotten.

December 27, 2008

- ❖ Danielle, John Jr., and Frankie - Your father loved you so much and was so proud of each one of you for your own special gifts. Carry that with you. He was SUCH an accomplished man - someday you will truly understand that and I hope you will be equally proud of him.

Aunt Vicky, Uncle Dick, Carmela, and Rich - words cannot express what is in my heart for each of you. I'm simply so sorry for your loss. How he loved you all! Setting aside the dedicated doctor and hero, he was also the little boy I grew up with, vacationed with, spent holidays with. Each of you spent a long chunk of time with - and helped form - a loving, funny, curious, centered, well-rounded, loyal friend and family member. Thank God for Johnny and for the impact you all had on him. I will miss him for the rest of my life.

Jennifer Lanthier Halek (Cohoes, NY)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ What a sad loss. My prayers are with his wife and children.

Kris Panikkar M.D. (Bloomsburg, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ I had the honor and privilege of working with Dr. Pryor for almost a decade. Dr. Pryor was an excellent doctor but what always struck me about him was his compassion. It was never forced or false. Sometimes the true test of "bedside manner" is when doctors have to give bad news. John always spoke to families with such honesty, realism and compassion. He never talked down to them or seemed superior. He was just a man who did his best every day and touched so many people's lives. In thinking about John and all his work, it truly inspires me to do more. He really did leave a mark on this world. I pray for his family. John, your sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Laura (Philadelphia, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ Words can't express my deep sorrow in the passing of Dr. John Pryor. What a great man ...a lasting inspiration to us all. God be with you in your time of sorrow. Know that he will never be forgotten.

Julie

Soldiers' Angels

julie morelli (langley, BC)

December 27, 2008

- ❏ Dr. Pryor was an inspirational mentor both personally and professionally. I am deeply saddened by the loss of such a great man. His influence on me will never fade. My most sincere condolences to his family, friends, colleagues, and students.

Jennifer (Philadelphia, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❏ I am Deeply Saddened to learn of the devastating loss, of Maj. John P. Pryor. The Price he and his family have paid for this country and for freedom, Will Never Be Forgotten.

May Maj. Pryor Rest Safely now, in the Loving Hands of God and may the Healing Grace and Comfort of the Lord be with the Pryor family.

There will Never Be Enough Ways to Humbly Thank these Heroes for their Sacrifices, my young brother among them. Killed in action in Vietnam in 1967.

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee."

~ Psalm 55:22 ~

Sincerely hoping that you can feel the thoughts of caring and support that surround you today and in the difficult days ahead, as this Grateful Country mourns with you, for Someone Very Precious to you, Who Is A True American Hero to all of us.

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Garnet Jenkins (Grand Junction, CO)

December 27, 2008

- ❏ I had the honor to work and know Maj Pryor from our deployment at Abu Ghraib. He was a great mentor and I am now in medical school following in his steps. He taught me not only what a great physician can be but also how to be a great human being. He will be missed by many.

2LT Christopher Boyd (Washington, DC)

December 27, 2008

- ❏ And may the road rise to meet you
May the wind always be at your back,
The rain fall softly on your fields
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Thank You, God Bless

December 27, 2008

- ❏ God bless you and keep you. For he knows your heart. A true servant of humanity. An American Hero. My prayers are for you and

your family.

Bartolo Cruz (Norfolk, VA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ Dr. Pryor led by example - brave, warm-hearted, skilled, kind, and tireless. He is a hero and an inspiration and will be dearly missed.

Lily Holmes (Boston, MA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Pryor.
A gifted physician, soldier and patriot has been taken much too soon. Thank you Dr. Pryor for your service to our troops and the U.S.A.. You and your family will be remembered in our prayers.

The Curries

Rosemary S Currie (Venice, FL)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ To the Pryor Family:
I am so sorry for your loss. My heart breaks for all of your sadness. I believe we just lost an angel here on earth. May the love Of God keep you comforted.

Mary (Broomall, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ God bless Dr. Pryor and thank you for your service to our country.

MSgt Robert Collins (Odenton, MD)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ What a loss! He was such a nice man. I did not know him personally. I have seen him and spoken to him in the ED at HUP a few times regarding patient care. His presence was one that reflected a wealth of knowledge. When he was around you knew you were in the presence of someone special.

Jean Boles, RN (Philadelphia, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ John,
As a surgeon and a human you were one of a kind and will be missed

Nicole Stassen and family

Nicole Stassen (Rochester, NY)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ All Gave Some,,Some Gave All. You Will Always Be Loved,,And Never Forgotten...

Scott (Montevallo, AL)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ If we could all only be as heroic as you in our daily lives. Rest in peace sir.

Jake (Philly)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ Our prayers are with you and your family. We will light a candle in your memory. Thank you for your service to your country and your community.

Harolynne Bobis (Seattle, WA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Pryor's family and loved ones. His dedication, compassion and skill will not be forgotten. I know many of us feel very blessed to have known such a wonderful person who constantly strived to help and improve the quality of life for so many.

B. S. (Philadelphia, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ He will never be forgotten.

Nicolle (Madison, WI)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ god bless this american hero. people like john pryor are the reason that this is the greatest country in the world. my deepest sympathy goes out to his wife and children and all of his family.

jim boyle (northeast, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ My deepest condolences to the family of Dr. John J. Pryor.

I am employed by UPHS Physician's Billing Office and while I did not know Dr. Pryor personally, I was well acquainted with his name and reputation.

I know that his presence will be sorely missed by all of his colleagues and staff.

Josephine Nardi (Philadelphia, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ God bless you for your service to all of humankind, and particularly to the United States of America. It takes a special person to put the needs of country and others before his own.

A Soldiers' Angel (CA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ A hero by any definition of the word. May the memory of all those whose lives he touched bring solace to his family.

The Blair Family (Beaufort, SC)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ Dear John, You will always live here at HUP in our hearts and souls. My prayers go out to your family. You were such a hero to all of us. You will be deeply missed and never forgotten. With Deepest Sympathy

Ida Fischer (Barnsboro, NJ)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ I work at HUP and I am going to miss seeing John in the hallway, smiling.

To his family, you are in my prayers.

Tom McDonnell (Brookhaven, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ I will always consider John Pryor in the group of Penn Trauma mentors who helped me be the person I am today. He taught caring, compassion, and to always do the right thing. He will be missed by me and everyone who knew him.

Elliott (Baltimore, MD)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ We as residents who came under his tutelage, feel the loss of a surgical gentleman who smiled and taught by example

Viri Siripurapu (Lankenau Hospital)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ My heart goes out to his wonderful family and we all should be proud of his service to not only the country but the world.

Tom Young (NAVY Retired) (Williamstown, NJ)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ thank you for being you. We all will miss you.

Mary Smith (Santa Rosa, CA)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ Dr. Pryor proves to us all that God sends Angels to walk among us, as he clearly was one of those Angels. I will pray for his family, and hope that I can live my life as nobly as this great man.

Kevin (Washington, DC, DC)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ To the family of Dr. JP, I am so terribly sorry for what has happened. I pray that at some point you will all find the same peace and comfort that JP has provided to so many others. You are all in my prayers.

Kerri Walls (Killeen, TX)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

CPT. Victoria Bembry (Brooklyn)

December 27, 2008

- ✘ I'm sorry for your loss. Your family and the world has truly lost someone dedicated to making the world a better place. Although I did not personally know Dr. Pryor, he has inspired me through his life work. He truly did follow in the footsteps of Albert Schweitzer.

Steven Weiss (Chalfont, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ Dr. Pryor, you too are an American Hero. Thank you for your sacrifice and service. We can never repay this ultimate dedication but we will always be grateful for your courage and devoition to your country and your fellow soldiers. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike

Soldiers' Angels

Bartlesville, Ok.

Mike Smith (Bartlesville, OR)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ I am a stranger to Dr. Pryor, but after reading this obituary, I know that the world was a better place for John being in it. What a wonderful soul and hero he was. My condolences to all who knew him and of course to his family. John is someone everyone could learn from just by reading his obituary. I know I have.

Barbara Eisler (Pocono Lake, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ **Malcolm Robertson (Clermont, NJ)**

December 27, 2008

- ❖ To Maj. Pryor's family: I didn't know John, but I do know this - when he died he went STRAIGHT to heaven! May good memories of a very good man comfort you in this difficult time.

pat polichetti (hatboro, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ I dont personally know this fine man. but for him to go to iraq and leave his high paying job and family to go fight for America, my heart goes to his family and friends. and i thank him for serving our country, thank you

james manoi (jenkintown, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ Your sacrifice will never, ever, be forgotten.

2LT Michael O'Neill (Philadelphia, PA)[Show picture](#)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ I didn't know Dr Pryor, but wish I did. What a great man, and a role model for all aspiring physicians. God bless his family in their time of grief.

E. S. Wilson, M.D. (Medford, NJ)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ May God bless you all in your time of grief. Please know that John was a true American Hero!!

Justin Mayhew (The Colony, TX)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ To the Family:
Words cannot express how truly sorry I am for your loss. He will always be a hero to me and I will pray for you. May God bless you and give you the strength now and always.

Lisa Simpson (Montevallo, AL)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ If there is anyone who deserves to be in the Garden of Paradise it is truly this dedicated, giving man.
May God wrap his arms around his family to get through their grief.

Arlene McMahon (Alburtis, PA)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ My thoughts and prayers are with his family. God bless this hero.
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December 27, 2008

- ❖ I am so saddened to hear of the loss of Dr. Pryor. What a true American Hero. I thank God for him and people like him who try and make the world a better place for the rest of us who were not given the gifts of passion for what we do and the gifts to do it. I am sure it is such a difficult decision to put yourself in harms way and the bravery it takes to do it. May his family find comfort in knowing this man made a difference for the better in the world we all live in. May he rest in Heavenly Peace. I am sorry for your loss and for the loss to the City of Phila. who really need his services.

(NC)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ OH My God. I cannot believe it was Major Pryor whom I worked with in Abu Ghraib. I am now in Mosul and heard of his death soon after departing a helo near the hospital. I cannot believe I was so close to the same impact. It was an honor to have worked with him in Abu Ghraib. He was the greatest, most professional surgeon I have worked with in my entire life. He was amazed how we the "Nurses handled all the cases coming into the ETR at Abu, but we were amazed of his skills and compassion for people. This is a great loss for all, especially his family.

Theresa MercadoSconzo (Pleasantville, NY)

December 27, 2008

- ❖ Our hearts go out to you at this time and in the days ahead.
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December 27, 2008

- ✚ Honor thy physicians for their services for the Lord created them; for their gift of healing comes from the Most High, and they are rewarded by the King.

I did not know this man but he fulfilled every meaning of the word compassion, dedication, and love for his fellow man. Would it not be so bad to pray that we help fulfill his wish that all our brave men will come home.

To the family and friends, I pray for you and ask our Heavenly Father to help you through the pain. Father strengthen them to continue to live life as it should be. It is difficult Father, to want to go on after you feel your own heart ripped from your soul. Father, I pray that Jesus who came to heal the brokenhearted will come in the quiet moments to mend the soul now filled with sorrow. It is Jesus Lord, that we must trust at this time when darkness rules our lives, and we go about in a daze. Jesus come to each and everyone who knew, loved, respected, and cherished this fine man and fill their souls with your light. Remind them that you indeed are the resurrection and the life, and He that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Father, as your servant John J. Pryor takes his place among those whom you granted the power of healing may all heavenly spirits sing Well done thy good and faithful servant.

May the perpetual light of God shine upon John J. Pryor who laid down his life for all of us, his fellow man. Thank you John, Rest in Peace!

Karl Loushin (Carbondale, CO)

December 27, 2008

- ✚ I learned of his passing only a few minutes ago. A shroud of sadness has overwhelmed me. The reality is slowly sinking in as I try to reject it knowing fundamentally that it is an horrific and unwelcome truth that has usurped our hearts and minds. John was an essential person in our society. He was inspired to be a force for good and inspired others toward the same goal. He was sensitive and eager to teach and to learn. My grief is personal because I taught him when he was a resident at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He was kind enough to say to me years later that my influence as his attending was what led to his decision to become a trauma surgeon. I have always considered this to be the highest honor that anyone could give me. I can't imagine the loss to his family. The loss is greater given the goodness of the man. I offer his family my deepest sympathy. I pray that they can find comfort amidst their grief and emerge whole from this unfathomable loss, always putting what John would have wanted before them.

With embraces and love,

Cuthbert Simpkins MD
Cuthbert Simpkins (Shreveport, LA)

December 27, 2008

☒ God Bless.

Jonathan Baum (Philadelphia, PA)

December 27, 2008

☒ I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICES.
 THANKS TO YOU WE HAVE HEROES STILL LIVING
 TODAY. YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SAVE ALL OF THEM
 BUT AT LEAST YOU CAN SAVE SOME OF THEM. WE ALL
 BELONG TO GOD BUT YOU DOCTORS, MEDICS, NURSES
 ARE ALL HEROES IN MY EYES. I KNOW THAT IT MUST
 TAKE A TOLL ON YOU MENTALLY BUT PLEASE
 REMEMBER THAT I AM PRAYING FOR YOU AND I THANK
 YOU FOR ATTEMPTING AND SAVING THE LIVES THAT
 YOU HAVE SAVED IN THE PAST IN THE FUTURE.GOD
 BLESS YOU!

SHAYLA FERNANDEZ (TYLER, TX)

December 27, 2008

☒ My thoughts are with the grieving family and community of
 Philadelphia. I live in Japan but grew up in Philadelphia and Dr.
 Pryor and people like him are what made Philly great. There is little
 comfort I can provide to the shocked family other than to say thank
 you for sharing him with so many of us..

Bernie ward (Tokyo, Japan, PA)

December 27, 2008

☒ I am offering my most sincere condolences to the family and friends
 of John P. Pryor.

How feeble I am sure they will seem compared to the profound grief
 those of you most certainly feel right now.

Having read his story, and seen his picture, I can almost feel the life
 of those young people whose health John's caring hands and soul
 preserved. Their future is a huge part of John's legacy.

God bless all of you. Please take whatever comfort possible in the
 knowledge that John's sacrifice has not gone unnoticed. He, and you
 all, will be in my prayers.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Crandall
 Cumming, GA

Kenneth Crandall (Cumming, GA)

December 27, 2008

- ✚ After reading the eloquent description of his job in Iraq, I got a good sense of the character of Dr. Pryor. I would like to express my deepest sympathy to his family, his friends and his civilian and military coworkers. The world will be missing a talented man who served his country with honor.

Michelle Freeman (St. Paul, MN)

December 27, 2008

- ✚ Dr./ Soldier/ Mr. Pryor,

While I never knew you, your words to the families of America's fallen soldiers rang loudly in my ears. Now, you are one of the ones you spoke of. I hope you knew too, just how much you meant to others, and how much you were loved. Just as you wrote about fallen soldiers, you also saved so many more. There are no words to express the difference you made saving the lives of so many of our Heroes, or sharing the precious final moments with others. I know your presence will be in the CSH forever as others carry on for you. May You Rest In Peace....

GOD BLESS YOU SIR.

Shirley Herlth-Robinson Soldiers' Angels (Middle River, MD)

December 26, 2008

- ✚ This great man should never have died so young.

Why?

Joel Wexler (Keystone, CO)

December 26, 2008

- ✚ TO THE PRYOR FAMILY, SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF DR PRYOR. MAY HE REST IN GOD'S CARE FOREVER. A TRUE HERO TO HIS PROFESSION AND COUNTRY.

MARIE C. (PHILADELPHIA)

December 26, 2008

- ✚ As an American I am so sad to hear about Dr. Pryor. His sacrifice was so much more than "above and beyond" the call of duty. Prayers for his family, and many, many thanks for his service to our country. We are more than grateful.

Laura Van (Soldiers' Angel) (FL)

December 26, 2008

- ✚ Please accept my deepest condolences, as I can truly feel your pain. My wife LTC Mercado-Sconzo is currently stationed at the same FOB and also was at Abu Graib in 2006! May God bless your family and Thank you!

Paul Sconzo (Pleasantville, NY)

December 26, 2008

- ✚ As a surgeon myself who previously served in the US Army, I was shocked to hear about the death of this man and soldier. But as a

husband and father, I deeply wish to express my deepest condolences to his family and friends. It is easy to get caught up in our own lives. We easily forget the tremendous sacrifices thousands of men and women like John Pryor make each day. Thank you to you all, and God Bless.

Brian Ju (Phoenix, AZ)

December 26, 2008

- ❖ To the Pryor family,
I am a Marine mom and a nurse. I always took comfort knowing that there were people like Dr. Pryor, there in Iraq, to take care of my son, if God forbid anything happened to him. I cannot express in words how sorry I am for your loss. He will truly be missed, and we will never forget.

Kathy Sweeney (Upper Darby, PA)

December 26, 2008

- ❖ John was like an older brother to me in every way - he mentored me, was my drinking buddy, and listened to my frustrations. He was someone whom you could always call for advice or help. He was role model as a physician and partner and someone whom we all knew was a rising star in the world of trauma surgery. I cannot express my feeling of loss with words and hope God will care for his soul and his family. His legacy at Penn will remain forever and his memory lasts in the countless lives he saved and touched.

Babak Sarani (Philadelphia, PA)

December 26, 2008

- ❖ I did not know Dr. Pryor, but am deeply saddened to have our city lose such a generous and brave man. Our loss is heaven's gain. I pray that more of us would grasp his passion for humanity and life.

Patricia Reilly (Langhorne, PA)

December 26, 2008

- ❖ Rest Easy Sir. Thank you for your sacrifice and for being one of those who led from the front. Til we meet again on Fiddler's Green.

Chuck Mankin (Avondale, PA)

December 26, 2008

- ❖ My deepest condolences to Dr. Pryor's family. I knew and worked with Dr. Pryor during my time at Penn and knew him to be a deeply committed surgeon and member of the Penn Community. He will be missed by his colleagues at HUP and Penn. My thoughts are with his family and friends.

Geoffrey Geiger (Philadelphia, PA)

December 26, 2008

- ❖ Thank you for your selfless service Dr. Pryor. May your spirit comfort and guide your family until you meet them again. What an honor it must be to call him father, husband, brother, son, etc. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate his life. God bless you.

Michelle Samet (Philadelphia, PA)

December 26, 2008

- ☒ May God give you comfort during this difficult time. Your husband and father died for his country -- to preserve our freedoms and way of life. We are deeply grateful for his selfless service.

Mother of a soldier now in Iraq (Laguna Hills, CA)

December 26, 2008

- ☒ Dr. Pryor:

May you be with God Dr. Pryor, and thank you for serving our country. May you rest in peace. Amen.

December 26, 2008

- ☒ I did not know John. I'd like to think he was hilarious and caring. In many ways he would have to be to get through that over here. I have been here, in Iraq, now for 17 months. Somedays are tough. My heart goes out to his family and I am sitting here this morning knowing of the good things we are trying to do and having people fight us every step of the way. Surely he will be missed.

Adam Johnsen (Fairbanks, AK)

December 26, 2008

- ☒ You did well for many....many will miss you.
- Don Yealy (Pittsburgh, PA)**



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