

## Jeffrey Norman Pryor

November 16, 1963 - November 12, 2020

Jeffrey Norman Pryor, age 56, passed away in his home in Winter Garden on November 12, 2020. Jeff was born in Columbia, Missouri on November 16, 1963 to Marcia and Norman Pryor.

Being in a military family, Jeff grew up on Naval base housing, first in Great Lakes, IL and later on the Naval Hospital base in Portsmouth, VA. Jeff attended Portsmouth Catholic Schools from elementary school through his graduation in 1982. He still has many lifelong friends he met during his time there.

Jeff started his undergraduate career at Old Dominion University and finished at University of Central Florida in Orlando. He then returned to Norfolk State University to earn his Masters Degree in Social Work. After a few years working together at the Pines Treatment Center in Portsmouth, Jeff and his wife, Jennifer, settled in Orlando where they raised their two children, Annie and Jake.

Jeff's love of Chicago sports was instilled at an early age by his Grandpa Jake. He passed that love onto his son Jake, and they were able to attend several Chicago games in person. Jeff planned all of his free time around spending time with his family. He always wanted his kids to have fun. Whether zip-lining with Jake or going to museums with Annie or just walking his dog

Nora around the neighborhood, nothing brought Jeff more joy than laughing with his children and seeing them happy. At every family gathering, while the rest of the adults were sitting and “visiting”, Jeff was out with the children (his two plus their cousins) playing basketball or organizing a kickball game. He was a favorite to all the Pryor grandkids.

Jeff was a hard worker from a young age. He was the embodiment of the phrase “find a job you love and you’ll never work a day in your life”. Whether selling newspapers in the Portsmouth Naval Hospital at 12, pumping gas at the Old Town Exxon at 16, bartending through his 20’s or delivering pizzas for almost all of his adult life, Jeff always had a smile on his face and took real joy in interacting with people. He didn’t have customers, he had buddies. He had an inside joke with everyone, and those for whom he felt particularly fond of might even get an inappropriate nickname. It was all in good fun. Jeff loved everyone and the feeling was mutual.

In his professional career, he was able to blend his sense of humor with true caring and compassion. He worked for 15 years at the Life Care Center in Altamonte Springs as the Director of Social Services.

Through all of his experiences, Jeff collected life-long friends. He managed to stay connected to people from each period in his life. Once you were Jeff’s friend, you were his friend forever. His sense of humor was infectious. He loved an inappropriate joke, and he always laughed the loudest.

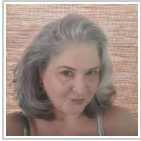
Jeff is survived by his wife Jennifer, daughter Anne and son Jacob, his parents Marcia and Norm Pryor, mother-in-law Lou Weaver, brother-in-law Christopher Weaver (Shauna), sisters Traci Pryor Shoemaker, Lisa Pryor Martinez, Kerri Pryor Bernier, Robin Pryor Wilkerson (Mike), and brother Travis Pryor (Lee Ann). Robert and Leola Sack (deceased) were Jeff’s beloved grandparents. He was always the favorite uncle to his 14 nieces and

nephews. Jeff was a devoted husband, an amazing father, and a loving son.

Due to Covid-19 services are private.

The family of Jeffrey Norman Pryor invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his memory.

# Tribute Wall



“ Jeff, you are part of me forever. Joy, love, laughter. I miss you.

Victoria Kearney - April 01, 2024 at 08:55 PM



“ Working with Jeff at Pizza Hut always brightened even the darkest of days...he will be truly missed



Rachel Przybysz - December 06, 2020 at 06:10 PM

BR

“ I thank God for you Friend ... we miss you ... rest in peace ... God will always take care of your family!



Brenda - December 02, 2020 at 03:48 PM

MB

I met Jeff thru Life Care Center he was wonderful with my mom I was visiting my mom and saw Jeff in the hallway and he said your mother thinks that I am family and I said oh that sweet so we walk down to where my mother was she puts her arms up all happy and said what did I deserve to have two of my children visit me in one day and Jeff just bent down and kissed her forehead our joke after that was he was my brother he was such a warm and caring person so very sad to hear of his passing

Melinda Bass - December 03, 2020 at 08:04 PM

AN

“ Jeff was always there to bring a smile or hearty laugh to my mom, Nellie, who is a resident at Life Care Center. Now you will be bringing cheer to those blessed souls in Heaven. Blessings to your family and friends.



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**Ann and Nellie** - November 19, 2020 at 12:51 PM

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“ Ann And Nellie Gratz lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Norman Pryor



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**Ann and Nellie Gratz** - November 19, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ It breaks my heart to hear of the passing of my dear Friend, Jeff Pryor. 😭 It hit me like a ton of bricks when he first told me that he had been diagnosed with Cholangiocarcinoma (or, Bile Duct Cancer). He never had any serious health issues until this. After reading up on it, I got really scared because it's a very rare, aggressive cancer and the chances of survival are very low, even with treatment and surgery. But, I was still hopeful and prayed several times a day that things would get better and that he'd be back to his old self again in no time. Alas, God had different plans for him. All of us who knew him are no doubt feeling very sad and a deep, personal loss right now. It's probably feels as if a part of you has died, as well, or that there is a big hole in your heart. I know when I found out on Thursday night, it felt like I was punched in the gut and a part of me had died, too. It only proves how special Jeff was and how much he was loved by so many and how much we will miss him. However, he will never be forgotten, and we must try to remain strong, knowing that this is just a temporary separation and we will all be reunited with Jeff when "our" time ultimately comes. I'm sure he is smiling down upon us now and appreciating all of the love and support we have for him and his family. My deepest sympathy, condolences and love go out to Jennifer, Jake, Annie and the rest of their family.

For me, I will always treasure the times we spent together golfing and playing tennis and going out to eat afterwards. I will always treasure the times we spent working together at Dr. Phillips Pizza Hut as Delivery Drivers. I remember when he first came to Orlando in June of 1996 when he got the job at Pizza Hut. It wasn't long before we became friends after finding out that we both loved to golf. Even though I moved back home (Chicago) in 1998, we stayed in touch and I would come down to see him whenever I could. He could always make me smile, even when I wasn't feeling very well. He and I would tell each other funny jokes or just make stuff up on the fly. I can remember several times making him crack up on the phone with my one-liners that were mostly about things he and I could relate to or had experienced together. Jeff was also there for

*me several times in my life when I needed to talk to someone about something troubling that I was going through or just needed to vent. He would always listen and be patient and give you his honest opinion and help you in any way he could without belittling you. I think of all the people I've met in my life; Jeff is the one I could trust the most. My life will never be the same without him. So, until we are reunited in Heaven, keep your golf game sharp, Jeff. I know I still owe you 2 rounds from the bets we made over the years predicting what record the Bears would finish with. Until then, Take Care, my dear Friend! I love you, my Brother! ❤️ Your Friend forever, Brian.*



**Brian Hosbach** - November 18, 2020 at 03:52 PM

NI

“ *May his soul rest in peace Jeff was great honest man always smile and happy friendly man we are going miss. Rest in peace*

**Nikki** - November 18, 2020 at 09:29 AM

LG

“ *Jeff never had an unkind word about anyone. My nickname was LoHo, I will cherish my memories and laughter Jeff gave me. He talked a about his family and unconditional love he had for them. I will miss him and his many phone calls, it was Always “What up Dawg!” My favorite memory is the day he gave me a ring and said “I guess we are married Dawg! He was one of a kind and will remain in our hearts, forever. Yes he did love everyone and his life, especially his family. Go in Peace my friend. Love LoHo*

**Lora Gobin** - November 16, 2020 at 08:21 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Jeff was such a funny and sweet person. I am so grateful to have known him at Portsmouth Catholic High School. He always made me laugh. He made anyone feel comfortable. A truly wonderful person. He will be missed.*



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**Giulia Michonski** - November 16, 2020 at 08:20 PM

BB

“ My heart breaks at the news of Jeff's passing. What a great guy and great friend. He had the most infectious personality I have ever known. Jeff and I had lost contact for many years after our PCHS days, but the tragic death of another PCHS classmate found us reaching out to each other for answers. While answers to that tragedy never came for me, it was Jeff who helped me crawl out of a huge pile of sorrow I was buried in. I am forever grateful to Jeff for helping me through those difficult times.

To Dr. and Mrs. Pryor and to each of his siblings I say, may God bless each of you during these difficult times. Jeff and I never had a conversation that he didn't mention each of you and he wore on his sleeve just how much he loved you guys.

Jennifer, I never had the pleasure of meeting you, but I certainly knew, without question, who the love of Jeff's life was. I know your heart is broken, but I hope you will have strength knowing that Jeff adored you so deeply and didn't hesitate to share his feelings.

To the kids, you are also facing broken hearts, but I hope you can put the pieces together soon. Your dad was an amazing man and you are so lucky to have had him. If he is your inspiration for how you live your lives, success will be yours.

Jeff, you will be missed but never forgotten. I know by now our friend Bill has tracked you down and I sure hope he has some new jokes.

Go Bears, Cubbies, Bulls and Blackhawks!!!!!!

Billy Butt

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**Billy Butt** - November 16, 2020 at 05:17 PM

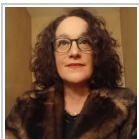
KS

“ Jeff...We had some good times together my friend. There was Golf, Golf and more Golf!! Thank you for calling to check on me through out all these years!!! You let me do most of the talking and I thank you for that!!!! Always compassionate and caring in the way you treated others. I found some pictures from the Hyatt Days. Big kid at heart! You impacted so many with that award winning smile, your silliness and sarcasm! Always answering a question with a joke! Never could get a straight answer from you, but you always made us all laugh! I'm going to miss you! Oh, yeah...the inside jokes and nicknames! Kimmie Sue, Chancy Lou, booty, big booty, dingleberry, and my favorite, 2C! Gales Birthday is the 15th! You and Big Daddy Jim share Birthdays today, the 16th! Happy Birthday my dear friend. We will have a rum~n~coke in your honor! Taken away from us way too soon~ Heaven has gained an Angel!! ❤️RIP Jeffrey Pryor❤️ You will be Forever in our hearts! 😊



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**Kimberly Spell** - November 16, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ I'm deeply sorry to hear this sad news. My heart is with Jennifer, Jake, Annie and Lou. May he rest in peace.

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**Tamara Mihalap** - November 16, 2020 at 02:09 PM

JA

*So very sorry. What a tremendous loss to many. Although I did not know him I feel as if I do through all the kind messages. He was an advocate to his residents, loved by family and friends and has restored a little bit of humanity in this broken world. Happy Birthday in heaven.*

*Love  
The Apple Family*

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**Jennifer Apple** - November 16, 2020 at 06:48 PM

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*SIP!!!! Jeff I'm going to miss to calling my name Allen Allen. Thank you so much to be a good listener and always have a smile on your face, every morning when I see you is good morning Jeff you answer good morning Allen Allen, I'm really going to miss that. My condolences to the family and friends. Jeff you are miss 🥹🥹🥹🥹❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️*

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**marie Allen -reid** - November 18, 2020 at 10:27 AM

JM

*“ I believe this to be the most difficult, to say goodbye to a life long friend and brother. Jeff was my closest friend we have numerous memories. The countless hours spent at the Pryor home will always be the most fond of my past years. Jeff never missed a chance to call when out walking his dog or driving to meetings or even to run an errand. I will miss the late calls when he was driving and just needed to stay awake until he reached the driveway. He had the kind of personality that could lift the spirits of the world around him. My heart is heavy I will miss him greatly. Farewell my friend until we meet again.*

*Joooooee Marushia*

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**Joe Marushia** - November 16, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“A limb has fallen from the family tree that says Grieve not for me, Remember the best times, the laughter & the song, the good life I lived while I was strong.”

Cousin Jeff's smile and sense of humor was infectious. His love of the Bears and the Cubs bonded us. I remember his last trip to Chicago with Jake and Marsha to see the Cubs. Of course we went to Pizanos for pizza and Harry Carey's.

Gone too soon. My deepest sympathy to Jennifer, Annie & Jake, his parents Norman & Marsha and the entire extended Pryor family. Continued prayers and thoughts to see you through this difficult time. I love you all

Karen Sack Rodgers

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Karen Sack - November 16, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“Mrs. Fields Nibblers® and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Norman Pryor.



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November 16, 2020 at 08:09 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of Big Dawg (Jeff) for the last 14 and a half years. He and I hit it off at first sight! He knew I was like him in the jokester department. A joke was on our agenda! He had such a way with the human race. He loved his residents and their family members and had the best relationships with all his coworkers At Lifecare. Everyone looked up to him and admired him so much. He was there for everyone. He helped me through some tough times and even made jokes and made me laugh. There will never be anyone ever that could fill his shoes. With Jeff setting the standard it will be a very difficult job to fill. He so adored his family and they were his everything. My heart goes out to them and pray for healing for their aching hearts! And for our Lifecare family , I pray for healing for us. Life will never be the same without him sitting at his desk smiling his big smile . Well Big Dawg I just want you to know I love you and will never forget how you added so much life to Lifecare and my life!

Your Sas A Frass Sassy .....Sandra Pisa

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**Sandra Pisa (Sassy)** - November 15, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *My heart is broken for the Pryor family. I feel so fortunate to have known the entire Pryor family by attending Portsmouth Catholic High School. The Portsmouth Catholic community was family to me.*

*My fondest memories of Jeff were when he and Sara Smith were doing their tag-team comedy. They would make me laugh until I was crying. Jeff had an infectious smile and laugh. I will miss you my friend.*

*Pryor Family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. You are in our hearts forever.*

*All of our love,  
Marcia Russo Tabet and The Russo Family*

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**Marcia Tabet** - November 15, 2020 at 07:06 PM



“ *I worked with Doctor Pryor for many years. He and Marcia loved all their children and grandchildren. I know they will miss Jeff. I send them and the rest of the family my condolences. Donna Garcia, RDN/LDN Central FL Kidney Center*

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**Donna Garcia** - November 15, 2020 at 10:24 AM

SS

“ I really never thought I'd be writing this .....and I mean never .Jeff had so much energy and life, I just assumed he would someday be on the Smuckers Jelly jar for turning a 100 (or even a 125). As long as I've known him, he has had 10 irons in the fire at any given time with three jobs and constant commitments to family and friends. Many times he was 'triple booked,' but somehow (mostly) he managed to at least make an appearance at every event. He never missed calling me on my birthday during the last 40 years (he was much older than me). We had some really great times together as teenagers (when I spent as much time at the Pryor house as I did my own) and then later working and playing together while we were on the same career path as social workers. I am going to plagiarize a comment I read earlier that said "without jeff, there is one less smile in the world." I will definitely miss his nicknames and random phone calls with inappropriate jokes, but most of all I will miss his smile, his laughter, and his love of life. God bless you Jeff. Keep making people laugh in Heaven. You will truly be missed here on Earth. Love you and your amazing family.

Sara Smith



Sara k smith - November 15, 2020 at 09:33 AM



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Sara Smith



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**Sara Smith** - November 15, 2020 at 09:09 AM

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“ My family and I got to know Jeff while our families shared carpooling duties while our children attended middle school on the other side of town. It was during this time that I was able to see the love, selflessness and devotion that he had for his children and his wife. He always put them first. I haven't seen him for several years now, but his devotion carries such a great example to me. Our prayers are with you.

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**Ilda Spurgeon** - November 15, 2020 at 08:29 AM

GG

“ I offer my condolences to the extended Pryor Families and Friends at this time of great loss. May Peace be with you. I have fond memories of Jeff and his Family from their time in Portsmouth. May he rest in Peace.

*Gabbo Galbreath, Suffolk, VA*

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**Gabbo Galbreath** - November 15, 2020 at 06:22 AM

RG

“ The Goldberg family is sorry to hear about the loss of Jeff. We pray for God's comfort during this time.

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**ron goldberg** - November 15, 2020 at 12:01 AM

AF

“ Jeff and I spent a lot of time together delivering pizza as we started together February 1996 we golfed a bit and he was a joy to be around. Wh was a big influence to my sons and daughter. Jeff if I could talk to you now. My heart is so sad but happy to have had you in my life. Take care little buddy. See ya soon 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️  
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**alfonso fata** - November 14, 2020 at 03:46 PM

IS

*Jeff was a joy to work with over these past 14 plus years.. I will always remember his humor and nicknames for everyone.. He always called me Ida "Gretel" from the Swiss Alps...etc. etc. I'm so glad to have known this one of a kind special being.. Miss you my friend!! God Bless your family..😞*

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**Ifa Szabo** - November 18, 2020 at 11:25 AM

NP

“ *My wife and I are deeply saddened by the loss of Jeff. After not seeing him with Nora for many weeks we wondered why. We enjoyed talking with Jeff and spoiling Nora with treats on Sunday's when they passed by on the trail. I will make a donation to the Wounded Warriors foundation in his name. Again, please accept our condolences for your loss. Your neighbors Nick & Ann*

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**Nick Polatz** - November 14, 2020 at 01:02 PM

LW

“ *Jeff was one-of-a-kind. I've never had any other friend with whom I could have a conversation like we had spoken last week even when it had been years. Jeff left me with very fond memories of summers in Columbia fishing at Lee and Jake's, playing baseball in the yard (more like me watching him and Travis), and his obsession with listening to the Cubs on the radio with his grandpa. My heart is breaking here in Missouri as I know it must be for you all as well. Deepest condolences. Lori*

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**Lori Witham** - November 14, 2020 at 11:21 AM

LD

“ I went to PCHS with many of the Pryor kids. There was never a dull moment with them. Tracy and I were on the basketball team together, and I remember spending afternoons in between summer practices at their home and in their pool. The Pryors were always good to me. Although I did not know Jeff that well because I was a few grades behind him, I do recall his infectious smile and the twinkle in his eyes. He was well-liked by students of all classes as well as the faculty and always surrounded by close friends. I remember his abundance of school spirit and natural ability to rally those sitting on the bleachers at our games. He seemed like a good student and hard worker – working after school at the Exxon station on London Blvd. where he would pump my Granny’s gas and checked her oil (with a smile). Jeff’s aura of goodness and cheer is how I will remember him. My heartfelt sympathies go out to the Pryor clan.

*Laurie (Bryant) Dugan*

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**Laurie B Dugan** - November 14, 2020 at 09:33 AM

MT

“ Jeff was a unique friend and confidant. Anytime I tried to talk about him and his family I invariably would find myself talking about my own...he would flip the conversation so subtly. One of (many) favorite memories was in 2002 when he came to Georgia to celebrate my 40th birthday with me and family and friends...he quickly endeared himself to my family..I still have family that would ask of him...Take care of the sheep for me in heaven til I meet you there..I love you lil buddy..Prayers for Jennifer and family



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**Michael Taylor** - November 13, 2020 at 09:33 PM

TF

“ We send our deepest sympathy for your loss. Jeff was the social worker at my mom’s nursing home. He was a special person who had a caring heart for people. He treated each person like they were his own family and was always out in the hall greeting residents and guests. He knew each resident by name and their families. I don’t know what our family would have done without him. You could always stop in his office and talk to him. My mom passed away in December and he came by to show love and support. He will be greatly missed. It was not just a job for him but a calling. He was a person that loved life and lived it with a loving, sharing and caring heart. Thank you for sharing him with us. God bless.



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**The Dodrill Family** - November 13, 2020 at 08:53 PM

CB

“ The Pryors have always been a special family, and Jeff was especially beloved by my family. He befriended my younger brother and kept up with him all through the years, calling him, encouraging him, making him feel special and loved. Even though Jeff worked harder than anyone I know, and had his family to think of, he never stopped reaching out to my brother. I am heartbroken that such a wonderful human has left the earth. He had the biggest heart and warmest spirit of anyone I've ever met. I never knew him to say an unkind word- he was a born encourager. God bless the Pryors; I can't imagine a world without Jeff. He's left a hole in the universe nothing can fill. With love and eternal thanks for his wonderful life, Courtney Bullaboy

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**Courtney Bullaboy** - November 13, 2020 at 08:49 PM

FG

“ Jeff was my best friend for the past 40+ years. We knew each other at Portsmouth Catholic Elementary School but became best friends while playing on the varsity baseball team for 3 years. We played a lot of tennis and drank a few beers during summer vacations after college. Even after he moved away to the Orlando area, we stayed in touch and talked often. After I moved to Atlanta, I traveled to FL many times so we could play golf or meet for dinner. Jeff and I had many great times and he helped me get through the toughest times of my life. I could always count on his support and encouragement during the low points in my life. He was a life long Cubs fan and I was thrilled for him when they won the World Series in 2016. He was a Miami Hurricane and I am a VA Tech Hokie so we would smack talk each other mercilessly and laugh until we cried. He was the first to congratulate me when the Dodgers won a couple of weeks ago. He knew how much that meant to me and even though he wasn't feeling well, he sent me a text the morning after they won. If his team couldn't win, he would cheer for mine. My heart is broken for his wonderful family. Jeff was an incredible husband and father and he always put his family first. He was a dedicated provider and made sure his family had everything they would need. Jeff is one of those rare people who makes everyone around him want to be better. His positivity and infectious smile was impossible to ignore. His sense of humor could make anyone laugh and lift your spirits from any low point. Jeff made the world a better place and now heaven has gained a guardian angel. I will forever miss my best friend and anything I can do to make the world better, I will do it to honor Jeff Pryor. The last texts that we shared both ended with “love you brother”. Rest In Peace brother. Someday we will see each other again. Respectfully, Frank Gonzalez

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Frank Gonzalez - November 13, 2020 at 08:49 PM

MA

“ Jeff was a dear friend. I loved him as a brother. We could go several months without speaking do to our busy schedules and one call and we would chat like school girls, which I often tease Jeff of being. He gave it right back and we would spend the hr or so talking about Our families, business and old friends. He was so proud of his family and loved them so much. Jennifer, Annie and Jake, I can only offer my condolences and my prayers. Know that I will always remember Jeff for the Husband, Father and great friend that he was. I will miss my brother.

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**Meko Arroyo** - November 13, 2020 at 06:52 PM

TS

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Pryor family (to many names to remember). I remember the time Jeff came to Chicago for a Cubs game and want a good pizza place to eat at with the family. I gave him the names of a couple of good ones close to where they were staying, so what do they do, they bypass the good places and eat at at pizza chain. My thoughts and prayers are with Jennifer and the children, and my cousins Marcia and Norman  
Tim Sack

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**Tim Sack** - November 13, 2020 at 06:22 PM

FV

Our deepest sympathy to the Pryor family. We spoke to Jeff 2 years ago when he called to express his condolences in the loss of our son Donnie. It was like he called daily, so kind of him to call. Thoughts and Prayers are with you.

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**Floyd & Louise Broughton, Va Beach VA** - November 15, 2020 at 12:00 PM