



## Mr. John Alfred "Babe" Pryor

November 9, 1942 - September 5, 2022

John Alfred "Babe" Pryor of Mobile, AL, passed away on Sept. 5, 2022, at the age of 79, surrounded by his loving wife and children. He was born Nov. 9, 1942, in Kokomo, IN, and is preceded in death by his parents, James and Hannah Pryor, and sister, Karen Pryor Mayhill.

"Babe," as he was known in his hometown, graduated from Kokomo High School in 1961. He was a gifted athlete who played multiple sports, but he is remembered most for helping the "Wildkats" win the state basketball championship his senior year. He went on to play basketball at the University of Michigan before transferring to Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, ID, where he held numerous records on the basketball and golf teams. An avid golfer after college, he shot a 62 in 1989 to break the record at his home course, the Country Club of Mobile, a record that stood for 22 years.

He completed his business degree from NNU in 1968 and played basketball with Athletes in Action before marrying the love of his life, Carla Rae Nutting, in 1969. His career in the restaurant and hospitality industry began with Oscar Mayer, which moved him from Oregon to California, New York and Florida. In 1981 Morrison's, Inc., recruited him to Mobile, AL, where he settled with his family. He was a lifelong learner who earned a graduate certificate in gerontology and a master's degree in education from the University of South Alabama.

Throughout his career he served as president of several companies, including Pryor and Associates, Valley Innovative Services, HMI, Inc., Cousins Restaurant Systems, American Laser and AL-FLA Plastics. He was a Principal of Qorval and Bridge Associates and served on advisory boards for the Restaurant Leadership Conference, the Foodservice Symposium, Mobile Alzheimer's Society, Mobile Cancer Society, Hinds Community College and Mobile First Church of the Nazarene.

While his God-given talent and work ethic allowed him success in many areas of life, he was first and foremost a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He is survived by his wife of nearly 53 years, Carla Nutting Pryor; his children, Stacie Street, Stephanie (Craig Anderton), Shellie (Lance Covan) and Jonathon Pryor (Bre); his grandchildren, Brent and Jarryd Cooley, Zachary, Madison and Tyler Street, Hannah and Tommy Anderton, Pryor and Laura Grace Covan and Whitt and John David Pryor; and his great granddaughter, Piper Quinn Cooley.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. CST Friday, Sept. 16 at Christ United Methodist Church on Grelot Road. The family will receive visitors prior to the ceremony at 10 a.m. Those unable to attend the service may participate via livestream by using the following link: <http://ChristUnited.Com/Pryor>

The family finds comfort in their grief by knowing that John "Babe" Pryor is with his Savior, Jesus Christ. They would like to thank the many friends who prayed for him and especially the staff at University Hospital for their devoted care during his last days.

The family requests that memorial donations be directed to Victory Health Partners, 3750 Professional Pkwy, Mobile, AL 36609.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ United Methodist Church  
6101 Grelot Road  
Mobile, AL 36609

## Memorial Service

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ John was a wonderful friend and critical mentor. If not for John my career would have been markedly different. He illustrated to me the value of networking and performing in a manner that stood out from the "norm". He was a great public speaker and took the time to teach me the technique of public speaking and its' importance to success. He was truly one of a kind. I will sorely miss him and our "chats". His interest in both me and my family will be forever remembered. Rest in peace buddy. God Bless...

dave pfanzelter - September 16, 2022 at 11:28 AM

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“ The Cooner purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. John Alfred "Babe" Pryor.



The Cooner - September 16, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. John Alfred "Babe" Pryor.



September 15, 2022 at 03:52 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John Alfred "Babe" Pryor.*



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September 14, 2022 at 09:58 PM



“ *Darrell and Linda Weeter purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. John Alfred "Babe" Pryor.*



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**Darrell and Linda Weeter** - September 14, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Alfred "Babe" Pryor.*



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September 14, 2022 at 09:49 AM



“ *Charles & Darlene Meischke and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. John Alfred "Babe" Pryor.*



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**Charles & Darlene Meischke and Family** - September 13, 2022 at 04:40 PM

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“ *The La Follette family, Tom and Barbara (Eikenberry) wish to send our deepest condolences to the family of a dear classmate of 1961 Kokomo High School*

Tom La Follette - September 13, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. John Alfred "Babe" Pryor.*



September 13, 2022 at 11:42 AM

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“ *On an Alaska Cruise with some former Choralairs, I took it upon myself to have an ice-breaker game. The game was to guess from a song snippet which person was reminded of their spouse every time they heard this specific song. I also provided printed hints. The hint for Carla's song that always reminded her of John, "Kokomo" (duh), was a printout of the Kokomo High School mascot. I'll never forget John's shocked look and words of surprise - "Where did you get this?" Well, pretty much everything is somewhere on the internet. Carla, we will miss John and we pray for comfort in the upcoming days, weeks, months - however long it takes God's comfort to fully sink in.*

*Carsten Koldsbaek*

CARSTEN KOLDSBAEK - September 12, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Alfred "Babe" Pryor.



September 12, 2022 at 01:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John Alfred "Babe" Pryor.



September 12, 2022 at 01:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. John Alfred "Babe" Pryor.



September 12, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ The Cox Family: David & Susan, Chad & Debbie and family, Elaine Barber & Sons purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. John Alfred "Babe" Pryor.



**The Cox Family: David & Susan, Chad & Debbie and family, Elaine Barber & Sons** - September 08, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ *Ultimate Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Mr. John Alfred "Babe" Pryor.*



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September 07, 2022 at 10:41 AM