



## Johnny Craig Pryor

February 27, 1959 - December 21, 2020

Shady Grove resident Dr. Johnny Craig Pryor, 61, died Dec. 21, 2020 at his home in Shady Grove, Mississippi.

There will be a family graveside burial service on Wednesday December 30th. A memorial service to celebrate his memory will be held in 2021.

Dr. Pryor was born February 27th, 1959 in Laurel, Mississippi to Jean and J.N. Pryor.

Johnny could accomplish anything he set his mind to do. During his childhood he was an accomplished student, member at Trinity Baptist church, and an Eagle Scout.

Dr. Pryor studied to be a medical doctor at the University of Southern Mississippi and UMMC, before performing his residency and fellowships to become a renown neurosurgeon. He spent 20 years in the New York City and Boston working at the best brain surgery hospitals in the world. In 2016, Dr. Pryor came home to Mississippi to take care of his ailing mother and father.

He is survived by his sons, James and Jesse; his daughter, Cathryn Olivia; and his brother Jay.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dr. Betty Davis Pryor.

Condolences may be sent to P.O. Box 1411, Laurel, MS 39441. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Mississippi chapter of Kairos Prison Ministry International in honor of Dr. Pryor.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay  
Springs Rd  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Sharon Anderson Howard*  
*I met Johnny Pryor five years ago, at Trinity Baptist Church. Immediately I was smitten with him and I believe that he was with me. We dated and became very close as friends and confidants. I fell deeply in love with him. Losing him has been the hardest loss that I have ever endured in my lifetime. I will always love him. I know in my spirit that Johnny is happy with the Lord and knowing this makes me happy. I will always miss him and our expressions toward one another. I know that he loved and cherished his children and wanted the very best for them. Johnny tried to help many people, because he truly cared about the welfare of others. I will miss him until I draw my last breath upon this earth. I talked to him a few days before he died. I shall always miss him. God bless you, my love. Please never doubt my love for you. Rest In Peace. One day, I hope to see him again in heaven. Sharon Anderson Howard*

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**Sharon Howard** - May 16, 2021 at 05:54 PM

JD

“ *Worked with him for several years at MGH in Boston. Always top notch! My deepest sympathy.*  
*-Joe D.*

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**Joe DiBenedetto** - January 04, 2021 at 11:24 AM

AM

“ *Johnny and Betty Pryor moved to our neighborhood in the Boston area about twenty years ago. Their children are wonderful and they were great friends with my kids while growing up. James, Jesse, and Cathryn, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad passing away. I'm thinking of you three and I hope you're doing ok. With love, Anne*

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**Anne Maasland** - January 04, 2021 at 10:47 AM

CB

“ I would like to share my deepest condolences with the family of Dr. Johnny Pryor. My prayers are with you now and in the future. Mrs. Chris Baldwin of Pelham, Alabama, mother of Olivia Smith of Houston, Texas.

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**Chris Baldwin** - December 29, 2020 at 11:34 PM

KS

“ Johnny P., you will be missed by many. I first met Johnny when he was working in his dad's pharmacy across from my dad's Barber Shop. Such a wealth of knowledge, as he got older, he was my go to person for all medical questions that I couldn't figure out. He loved helping people, he helped me through a very difficult time in my life, as he did many others. He was not perfect, none of us are, but this I know, he LOVED God! He is up in heaven, grinning from ear to ear having all his questions answered. Enjoy Heaven sweet friend, you left us way to soon!

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**Kathy Thompson Smith** - December 29, 2020 at 09:48 PM

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**Sharon Anderson Howard** - March 05, 2021 at 10:16 PM

MM

“ I am deeply saddened about Johnny's passing. I met Johnny at a Cursillo weekend and was privileged to watch and learn about his passionate work at Kairos. What an incredible disciple. The insight he shared will forever be in all our hearts. We will miss you Johnny. Heaven gained an unforgettable angel today. Praying for peace and comfort to all who loved him.

*Michele Musial*

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**Michele Musial** - December 29, 2020 at 11:50 AM

JJ

“ I'm truly saddened to learn of Johnny's passing. Johnny was my fraternity Big Brother and I remember the fun times when he was in medical school while dating my fraternity Big Sister, Betty, his future wife. I will miss the conversations, the humor, the way he would go out of his way to help anybody in need. Brother I wasn't ready for you to leave us, but I know I will see you again, Rest in Peace. Love and Respect. BBC

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**Jeffery Johnson** - December 28, 2020 at 10:50 PM

DW

“ I met Johnny about 5 years ago when he became active in Kairos prison ministry. He will be missed by me, and his outside and inside Kairos brothers and sisters. I'm sure he is hearing God tell him, “Welcome home good and faithful servant.”

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**David Walker** - December 28, 2020 at 08:41 PM

JS

“ I think of Dr Pryor as a brilliant, talented and giving man. He treated my brain aneurysm about 20 years ago and remained a man I will always think of as a friend. I hope his family knows the life saving work and the joy he brought to so many patients like me. May he forever be at peace. Joanne Struzziery, Boston, Ma.

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**Joanne Struzziery** - December 28, 2020 at 07:36 PM

JB

“ Johnny was all around good guy.. James Bass

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**james bass** - December 28, 2020 at 04:40 PM

VB

“ I served on serval Kairos inside weekend with Johnny as well as the Kairos State Chapter. I and the men inside the prison will really miss him. He showed his Lover For the Lord to everyone he meet. Rest in Peace My Brother.

Von Brister

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**Von Brister** - December 28, 2020 at 02:50 PM

DH

“ Johnny and I texted on Dec. 21. He never mentioned being sick. This came as a big shock and will be a great loss. I will miss him greatly.

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**Darlene Herrington** - December 27, 2020 at 09:32 PM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Johnny Craig Pryor.*



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December 27, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *We bth loved to go spend the weekend with mama Loper and granddaddy Loper And talk about our family history. Johnny had his daddy's sense of humor and I loved that. When I was 16 grandma Loper and I spent a week with them while uncle J N was in school. We had the best time. Love you family. Gloria Jean Loper Langle*

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**Gloria Langley** - December 27, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ *Johnny was a fountain of knowledge I enjoyed our conversations praying for his family he will be missed*

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**Brian Jordan** - December 26, 2020 at 10:51 PM