



## Dr. Jim Pruitt

February 8, 2011

Dr. Jim Pruitt, 76, of Seneca, SC passed away on Tuesday morning, February 8, 2011 after a brief illness. Jim is survived by Martha, his beloved wife of 40 years, his children Sally Pruitt Robinson of Charleston, SC, Tom Pruitt of Charlotte, NC, Rhett Pruitt Hoff of Missoula, MT, Nicole Lopez-Pruitt of Hermosillo, Mexico, and Joshua Pruitt of Park City, Utah. Jim also had six grandchildren: Michael, David, and Peter Pruitt of Charlotte, NC, Henry and Sietze Hoff of Missoula, MT, and Paloma Lopez-Pruitt of Hermosillo, Mexico. Jim is also survived by his sisters Cecilia Pruitt Gruber and Lydia Pruitt Davidson of Charleston, SC.

Jim grew up in Rock Hill, SC, son of the late Thomas Cecil and Elizabeth Deason Pruitt. He received a bachelor's degree of science from the Citadel in Charleston, SC and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of South Carolina. He went on to practice medicine for the next fifty years serving as the Directory of Laboratories and Chief of Pathology at Oconee Memorial Hospital for thirty-seven years in addition to long tenures as Director of Laboratories and Chief of Pathology at Stephens County Hospital in Toccoa, Georgia and Cannon Memorial Hospital in Pickens, South Carolina. Jim was a board member, Medical Director and a dedicated advocate for the Rosa Clark Clinic and a longtime board member of the Blood Connection.

The joy of Jim's life was his family: his beloved wife Martha, his five children,

and his six grandchildren. Jim had many interests; he loved reading, music, plants, and sailing, but his greatest passion, besides his family, was flying. He was curious about everything, and loved to talk about everything from alternative medicine to quantum mechanics to his one hundred favorite movies of all time.

Jim respected the innate dignity of people from every walk of life. Kind, gentle, and generous, Jim was a man who held nothing back—whether it was time, effort, love, his appreciation for barbecue, or his opinions on government interference. As the saying goes, he “lived large”—packing every possible bit of joy into his days. Those of us (and there are many) who loved Jim are grateful for the example he set of how to live—and for what he brought to our lives. He will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rosa Clark Clinic, 210 South Oak Street, Seneca SC 29678, or the Oconee County Humane Society, Inc. PO Box 966, West Union SC 29696. Visitation will be Thursday, February 10 from 6-8 pm, Davenport Funeral Home, West Union SC. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Jim Pruitt*

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January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Dearest Pruitt family -*

*I am most saddened to hear of your father's passing. In the time that I had the privilege to be in his presence lingered with me till this day. I am most sorry that I didn't learn of this earlier so that I could fully express my condolences. You're such a wonderful, strong family and like many huddles we face – I know you can see your way thru this time. My very best to you all.*

*Michael & Stephanie Boulton-Goitz###imported-begin##stephanie  
boulton-goitz###imported-end##*

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May 31, 2011 at 12:01 PM



“ *We are thinking of you and remembering Jim. We enjoyed his company and engaging conversation. We will remember your visits together here in California and especially our visits to your home in Seneca. You and Jim have a way of making guests feel like they are coming home.###imported-begin##Marc & Lisa Leslie###imported-end##*

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March 11, 2011 at 01:58 AM



“ *What a privilege to have met and spent time with the Pruitt family through my sister, Nancy. I will always remember the patience Jim had with the young ones. He and Martha sharing their hospitality, home and piece heaven - great memories!##imported-begin##Sally Maloney Cooley##imported-end##*

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March 07, 2011 at 06:37 PM



“ *Martha and family. We were very sorry to hear about Jim's passing. Last time we were together I was thinking what a gentle soul he seemed. What we need more of not less. Wish I had known him better. Our condolences.##imported-begin##Paul Leslie##imported-end##*

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March 03, 2011 at 04:09 AM



“ *I was so saddened to hear about DR. Pruitt. Having worked with him for over 20 years at the hospital, I had only the greatest esteem for him. No matter how difficult the day may have been for him, he would always greet you as he passed you in the hall with a smile and friendly greeting. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time. God bless you all. Jan Rice##imported-begin##Jan##imported-end##*

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February 23, 2011 at 10:06 AM



“ *Martha,*

*I was very saddened to hear of Dr. Pruitt's death. You and your family will remain in my thoughts and prayers. May your memories bring you comfort.##imported-begin##Mary Mann##imported-end##*

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February 16, 2011 at 01:02 PM



“ Martha, Rhett, Nicky and Josh-Jack and I extend our deepest sympathy to all of you for your loss. I enjoyed working for Dr. Pruitt at OMH back in the 70's. He was a fair and just boss and always stood up for his "lab" girls. It's hard to imagine him being gone. Our prayers are with you all.

Debbie and Jack Davis##imported-begin##Debbie  
Davis##imported-end##

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February 15, 2011 at 05:04 PM



“ Feb 14th...

*Martha, my condolences to you and your family...*

*I rarely check my Facebook site... but did tonight, and learned of Uncle Jim's passing.*

*I wish so much now, that I had taken the time in these last few years to visit with him.*

*I remember how much I enjoyed talking about the mysteries of the universe with Jim.*

*Martha, please let me know if there's anything I can do anything for you.*

*Ray Head*

*704-904-4344###imported-begin##Raymond Head###imported-end##*

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February 15, 2011 at 12:58 AM



“ Martha, Joshua and family,  
We were saddened to learn of  
Dr. Pruitt's passing. Please accept our sympathy to your family.  
Josh and Johnathan had some good times together as young  
boys. We appreciated their friendship. God bless each one of you  
and give you the comfort and peace that only He can give.  
We have been praying for your family.##imported-begin##LC/Mary  
Jo Alexander##imported-end##

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February 14, 2011 at 08:39 AM



“ Dear Martha and family, We were so sorry to hear of the loss of Jim.  
He was a wonderful friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you  
all. Love and God Bless you all##imported-begin##Hugh and Susan  
Meeler##imported-end##

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February 12, 2011 at 09:30 PM



“ DEAR MARTHA; I WAS JIM COUSIN, MY MOM WAS MALLIE  
PRUITT RHODY, MY THOUGHTS AND MY PRAYERS WITH YOU  
AND FAMILY. LOVE CANDY##imported-begin##CANDY  
RHODY##imported-end##

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February 12, 2011 at 06:38 PM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time... Love  
from The Steak House Cafeteria family....##imported-begin##Tonja  
Lee Alnajjar##imported-end##

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February 12, 2011 at 10:20 AM



“ *Martha and family, so sorry for your loss. Jim was a wonderful mentor and caring individual. I am so proud to have known him.*

*Pam Coker###imported-begin##Pamela Coker###imported-end##*

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February 11, 2011 at 03:35 PM



“ *It was such a pleasure to know Dr. Pruitt. He was always kind and pleasant to me, no matter how busy he was. He would always put a smile on my face as he always had that smile. I am truly sorry for your family's loss. He will be truly missed by all who knew him. My prayers to all his loved ones.###imported-begin##Linda Littlejohn###imported-end##*

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February 11, 2011 at 12:40 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the words in John 5:28,29 give you hope and comfort.###imported-begin##Barb & Tom Layton###imported-end##*

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February 11, 2011 at 10:30 AM



“ Lydia, Cecilia and family. As your brother was a significant influence in the choosing of my career, which you probably did not know, but just hearing Cecil and "Lib" saying "Jane Ellen you like Science, you should be a Pathologist too", and you both talking about him and his job as a Pathologist inspired me to find out more about laboratory medicine. In fact, after now 33 years in the field, you would be surprised how often I think of him and your whole family. We have been renamed Medical Laboratory Scientist only recently, as before we were just Medical Technologists, (not technician, as Gary still thinks I just draw blood!).

*What a wonderful close and loving environment we all were privileged to grow up in, even though we may not have thought so at the time!*

*I have to try and make you smile, even when you hurt so bad for his loss, that he is in some beautiful, better, painless and carefree place (just like childhood), chasing fabulously feathered pheasants, for the simple joy of it!*

*Please give each other a hug from me. I will be right there with you even if only in spirit, but praying for your comfort and the strength for you to turn him loose. He was a well loved and respected man.*

*Much Love,*

*Jane Ellen*

*McKenzie*

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February 11, 2011 at 01:53 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during your loss. I worked at Oconee Hospital as an MLT during the mid 1970's. He was the first pathologist I worked for and taught me how to be the best at what I was doing. He encouraged me to continue my education as I went on to Cytology school at MUSC. I have many memories of his love for flying and his professional manner. May God bless you all.

With deepest sympathies, William##imported-begin##William Wilson##imported-end##

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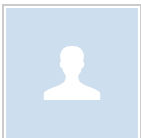
February 10, 2011 at 07:48 PM



“ Big Jim was the most amazing person God ever sent me. I remember when he brought home his first microwave oven, he just thought it was great to cook that egg... As Mott and i watched, the machine was the size of a small dorm refrig... I will never forget his love and kindness.. ever and I know he will be missed by almost everyone who had the honor to know him.. BLESS YOU JIM!!!!##imported-begin##Nancy Mason##imported-end##

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February 10, 2011 at 06:50 PM



“ The entire McPhail family sends you all our sympathies in the loss of Dr. Pruitt. He was a great man that had countless impacts on the lives of many people. He lived a life that is certainly to be celebrated. have peace that he is in the hands of the Lord.##imported-begin##Steve McPhail, II##imported-end##

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February 10, 2011 at 06:45 PM



“ My sincerest condolences. Jim's obituary is stunning and describes him so well. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Kathleen Blanchard##imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 06:32 PM



“ I am sorry to here about your loss Dr. Pruitt and I worked together for over 40 years at Cannon Hosp. in Pickens. I was Lsb manager. He was a great friend.##imported-begin##Lloyd Maddrey##imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 05:35 PM



“ Martha, we are so sorry to hear about Jim's death. Know you and your family are in our prayers. Condolences to you and the children. Linda and Hiram Hutchison##imported-begin##Linda and Hiram Hutchison##imported-end##

February 10, 2011 at 04:52 PM



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February 10, 2011 at 04:48 PM



“ Martha, Johnny and I are former classmates of Jimmy. We remember meeting you at our WTS reunion in Rock Hill, S.C. We are saddened to hear of Jimmy's death and want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Our memories of Jimmy are great. Our respects to Cecelia, also. Love to you and your family. Ann and John Tennant###imported-begin###John and Ann Tennant###imported-end##

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February 10, 2011 at 03:49 PM



“ Dear Martha and Family,

We are so saddened to hear of your loss of someone so dear. Please know that you and your children and grandchildren are in our prayers.

Harry and Judy Stancil

John, Jill, Chase and Chelsea Huston###imported-begin###Harry and Judy Stancil###imported-end##

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February 10, 2011 at 02:16 PM



“ I had the privilege of working for Dr. Pruitt at Oconee Hospital. He was always very kind, if he was having a bad day, you would never know it. You and your family will be in my prayers.###imported-begin###Tammy Nichols###imported-end##

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February 10, 2011 at 02:04 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I have so many wonderful memories of Dr. Pruitt. He was a joy to work with at the Rosa Clark Clinic. He truly had great compassion and loved helping people. I will cherish the memories and his Legacy will live on. God Bless!##imported-begin##Shannon O'Kelley Ownbey##imported-end##

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February 10, 2011 at 12:55 PM



“ So saddened to hear of the loss of Dr. Pruitt. We have many memories of him and he will be greatly missed by so many! One special memory was flying with him in his plane to West Point for a friend's graduation. He was a great pilot who was passionate about flying. You have our deepest sympathy!##imported-begin##Tommy & Dianne King##imported-end##

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February 10, 2011 at 11:02 AM



“ Martha and family, Betty and Leo Sells want me to extend their condolences as Leo does not do emails. We all remember the great joy many years ago that Jim's first flight instructor (at Rock Hill, SC) needed a flight physical and only lived a few miles away not knowing where each other lived until a discussion over flight physical phobia discovered their locations. Leo was always embarrassed that he was never billed. Only you would know how many others were never billed. We all celebrate the wonderful many great memories.##imported-begin##Leo Sells##imported-end##

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February 10, 2011 at 09:16 AM



“ Please know that I am thinking of the Pruitt family. My deepest sympathy. Joan Chittenden##imported-begin##Joan Chittenden##imported-end##

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February 10, 2011 at 07:52 AM



“ Martha, Rhett, Nikki, & Josh,

*My heart goes out to each and every one of you. You are in my thoughts and my prayers. Jim was one of the finest men I have had the priviledge of knowing and spending time with. My love to you all.##imported-begin##Mandie & Bryce Stephens##imported-end##*

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February 10, 2011 at 07:31 AM



“ Many years ago, a child of 12 years, a member of my extended family passed away....Dr. Pruitt was the pathologist at that time, and he would not give up on finding out the reason. Because of this man I at least had some peace of mind why. It didn't take the shock and hurt away but he gave a reason as to why this happened. I never took the time to say thank you. For that I'm sorry. He evidently was earth's Angel. His work meant clousure for alot of families. You have my sympathy.##imported-begin##Carla MArtin##imported-end##

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February 10, 2011 at 06:53 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Dr. and Mrs. E. Michael McKee##imported-end##

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February 10, 2011 at 12:40 AM



“ Martha and family,

*Please know my thoughts and prayers are with y'all during this time of loss. I can't even begin to tell you, in this short space, how much Dr. Pruitt meant to me. I had the deepest and utmost respect for him. He was an amazing "boss" and friend. I consider myself very privileged to have had the opportunity to work for him!!! I am also thankful for the chance to get to know y'all as a family! You all were definitely the sunshine of his life!!! He is going to be missed dearly by everyone that knew him! Love y'all.##imported-begin##Melody Shealy##imported-end##*

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February 09, 2011 at 09:40 PM



“ My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Reg Tatum##imported-end##

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February 09, 2011 at 09:31 PM



“ martha and family my prayers go out to all of you as his obit stted he was one wonderful man never did he act above me always such a wonderful friend and co-worker at omh if i can do anything please let me know patti##imported-begin##patti nelson##imported-end##

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February 09, 2011 at 08:27 PM



“ Martha,

*I was saddend to learn of Jim's death. I appreciated your kindness as we waited in the CCU waiting room the last couple of weeks before my wife's death last week. My prayers are certainly with you and your family as I know yours have been for my family.##imported-begin##Ralph Nix##imported-end##*

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February 09, 2011 at 06:05 PM



“ Martha and family, my sympathy to you in the loss of your beloved husand and father. Martha, I think of you often and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers daily. If I can help in any way, please let me know. Love you, Peggy##imported-begin##Peggy G. Fleming##imported-end##

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February 09, 2011 at 05:34 PM



“ Our hearts are hurting for you. May the joy of knowing Jim is in a wonderful place with Jesus give you comfort. We love you.

*Lonnie and Linda Cobb##imported-begin##Linda Cobb##imported-end##*

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February 09, 2011 at 04:50 PM



“ May God give you comfort. He was wa wonderful man.##imported-begin##Trudy Morrow Nickles##imported-end##

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February 09, 2011 at 02:24 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the Pruitt family! I respect, admire, and love every member of your family.*

*Sandra##imported-begin##Sandra Gibson##imported-end##*

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February 09, 2011 at 01:49 PM



“ *Martha: Please know that you and the kids and their families are in our thoughts and prayers. My hope is that the great memories you have will comfort you when you need it the most.*

*Love ya, Lynn##imported-begin##Tony and Lynn Black##imported-end##*

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February 09, 2011 at 01:46 PM