



## George Joseph Pryor

March 2, 1936 - November 27, 2023

George Joseph Pryor was born March 2, 1936 in Owosso, Michigan to Edward Thomas Pryor and Mary Elizabeth Kohls Pryor. Together with his older brother, Edward, George grew up in Owosso where he was a gifted student, enjoyed playing sports, and became an accomplished piano player. After graduating from St. Paul Catholic High School, George enrolled in Rosary College (now Dominican University) in River Forest, Ill. It was there that George committed himself to the priesthood in the Dominican order. George was ordained Samuel George Pryor of the Order of Preachers, April 15, 1963.

While teaching in the late 1960's at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, George met Alice Richards, who was teaching art history at the university. Their friendship led to a career change for George. He moved to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada to pursue studies at McMaster University for a Ph.D. in philosophy/psychology. George and Alice were married in Hamilton in 1971, and moved back to Austin in 1972.

After returning to Austin, George served as director of adult probation training at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Using his past spiritual wisdom, and psychology training, George gave meaningful support to others and to the department administration. George was very active in AA, and provided leadership in that program and was a beloved sponsor to many.

Upon retirement from TDJC, George led an active life. George enjoyed photography. He and Alice ushered at the Palmer Auditorium and the Long

Center in Austin and were members of the Austin food co-op for many years. George was a very loving and devoted husband to his wife, Alice, and shared in many of her professional endeavors. They trained in the Alexander Technique and practiced message therapy for others. George and Alice traveled to many of the Alexander international conferences, and George served as the treasurer of that organization for many years. They also shared a special love for animals and delighted in their beloved cats for many years. Cat humor suited the Pryor wit well! George was very active at Westminster Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder, singing in the choir, playing piano for the children's choir, always available and pleased to serve when asked. George was preceded in death, by his parents, his brother, Edward, and his wife, Alice. Giving thanks for George's life are beloved relatives, Claire Pryor, Dan Pryor, Julie Chase, Corbin Saleem Richards, Sam Ross, George's many friends in the AA program, other longtime friends, the members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and the residents of Westminster Senior Living Community.

A memorial service in thanksgiving for George's life will take place at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3208 Exposition Blvd. on Friday, January 19 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers you are invited to make a donation in George's memory to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3208 Exposition, Blvd. Austin, Texas, 78703, or the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
3208 Exposition Blvd  
Austin, TX 78703

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I was so fortunate to have had a long and very close friendship with George and Alice, who was my best friends for decades. George and Alice were more like family to me and not only guided me through many of life's most difficult passages, but also supported me in my professional life as well. I actually can't imagine what my life would have been over the last 45 plus years without them. I felt that George and Alice's home, usually with a couple of adored cats, was a haven I always felt welcome in. We cooked many meals together and shared most holidays gathering in the kitchen and chatting on the deck. They were both inspirations in so many ways. George was a remarkable husband, joining Alice in many endeavors, including training to become a certified massage therapist, and accompanying Alice to cities around the world for conferences. It was always so clear the love that they shared and they created a magical home, where so many came to visit and take Alexander lessons. George also made a huge commitment to the recovery community, and was a sponsor to many in finding sobriety. I really have not known two people who were so talented, caring, and so open hearted. I was blessed to know them both and saying "goodbye" to George is the end of a very long era of friendship. They are both remembered with so much love and so fondly missed. Jane Clanton Bick

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**Jane Bick** - January 15, 2024 at 07:17 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album George



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**Lyssa deHart** - January 12, 2024 at 06:47 PM

“As I reflect on the remarkable lives of Alice and George, a wave of nostalgia washes over me. I have trouble thinking of them separately, and George's passing marks the end of an era for me. Alice and George were more than just family friends; they were steady hands that guided me, a second set of parental elements in my life.

Our family connection began more than 50 years ago in Austin, Texas, where my mother and Alice formed a strong friendship working at the University of Texas. This friendship blossomed into a cherished relationship between us, with our lives intertwined for most of my life.

George, with his dry humor, a wicked twinkle in his eye, typically a pipe in his hand, and a heart full of music, holds a special place in my heart. I fondly recall the time spent listening to him play the piano in their cozy home. His fingers danced over the keys. George first taught me to play chopsticks, so that I could do something as I sat on the piano bench with him.

Their home was a haven, filled with great cats, music, art, and ice cream. The nights I spent there are etched in my memory, not just for the delicious ice cream that was always in the freezer, but for the moments spent watching the raccoons play across Shoal Creek. Sitting on the deck, discussing all sorts of interesting things, all memories that I cherish to this day.

Alice and George's home was also where my passion for photography was kindled. I remember being mesmerized by George's darkroom, a mysterious alcove where moments were frozen in time. His photographs were not just pictures; they were windows into a world seen through his eyes, capturing the beauty and essence of his vision of life.

Their absence leaves a void that is palpable, yet their legacy lives on in the lessons they taught and the love they shared.

*As I now bid farewell to George, I wish him safe travels. Rest in peace, dear Alice and George. Your love and light will forever shine in my heart.*

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**Lyssa deHart** - January 12, 2024 at 06:46 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathies are extended to George's family. We can take comfort in the knowledge that he is no longer suffering and that he is enjoying the company of his Maker.*

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**Dan Beto** - January 12, 2024 at 06:25 PM

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“ *Mary & I extend our condolences & sympathies to George's family & friends. I had the privilege of knowing George for many years & appreciated his kindness, humor, insight & thoughtfulness. He will be truly missed but we have our memories of him to cherish. He is now reunited with Alice. May God Bless you, my friend. Tom & Mary Millwee*

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**Tom Millwee** - January 12, 2024 at 05:24 PM