

Paul Pruden Sr

July 29, 1933 - April 22, 2021

On April 22, 2021, Paul Pruden, Sr answered GOD's call and peacefully transitioned to his eternal rest.

He was born July 29, 1933 to the late Caleb and Dora Pruden in Corapeake, North Carolina. In 1951, Paul graduated, at the top of his class, from the Gates County Public Schools.

He then went on to further his education at North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology (Cum Laude). After his graduation from college, he was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served two years.

Paul was united in holy matrimony to Fannie Jane Deloatch-Pruden on January 25, 1966. To this union, four children were born. He and Fannie raised their family first in Suffolk, Virginia; then moved to Murfreesboro, North Carolina, where he lived until his death.

Paul accepted Christ into his life at an early age and joined New Middle Swamp Missionary Baptist Church. He was a faithful member until his death.

Paul loved science and education. He was a Physical Science and Math teacher throughout his career. He taught high school students for 40 years. He began his career at T.S Cooper in Sunbury, North Carolina.

He was so grateful and enthused for the opportunity to help shape the lives of young people. He then accepted a position at C.S. Brown High School in Winton, North Carolina. This is where he honed his craft of teaching and came up with his, now iconic, "You may leave!" quote. He, along with the principal

there, came up with the plan to get the more "rowdy" student under control. That evolved into something that he could not believe... His students LOVED it. Even the ones that he never sent out of his class, would say that they were. He taught the majority of his years at Murfreesboro High School. He retired from Hertford County High School in 1994.

Paul was preceded in death by his father and mother, Caleb and Dora Pruden. Also by his grandson, Pruden Holley, and by his son-in-law, Karl Johnathan Holley, Sr.

Paul leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife Fannie; three daughters: Laverne Gray of Como, North Carolina.; Gillian Boone of Mechanicsville, Virginia.; Paula Holley of Winton, North Carolina.; one son, Paul Pruden, Jr. (Keischa) of Ahoskie, North Carolina; one brother: William Welch of Edenton, North Carolina.; seven grandchildren: Jevone L. Gray (Rachel) of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Stacey A. Boone of Mechanicsville, Virginia; Karla S. Holley of Greensboro, North Carolina; Karl J. Holley and Kaleb J. Holley both of Raleigh, North Carolina; Aaron J. Pruden and Bryant C. Pruden both of Ahoskie, North Carolina; four great-grandchildren: Dominic, Sebastien, Deziree Gray all of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Troy Townsend of Mechanicsville, Virginia; three sisters-in-law; Margret Rogers and Etta Skinner both of Suffolk, Virginia; Vivian White of Portsmouth, Virginia; two brothers-in-law; Joseph Deloatch of Oxen Hills, Maryland; John Deloatch of Suffolk, Virginia; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

New Middle Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery

Gates, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hertford County Undertakers
416 S Main St
Winton, NC 27986
(252) 358-3141

Outside Service

APR **30**. 12:00 PM.

New Middle Swamp Baptist Church
Gates, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Pruden Sr*

November 09, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ *Mr. Pruden was one of my all-time favorite teachers. I know he will be missed. I am so sorry for your loss. MHS Class of 1978*

Donna Gibson Robbins - June 03, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ *Maion Faison lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Maion Faison - May 18, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ *Annettee Parker lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Annettee Parker - April 30, 2021 at 08:18 PM

HP

“ *Helen Peoples lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



helen peoples - April 30, 2021 at 01:40 PM

TW

“ *Travis Williams lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Travis Williams - April 30, 2021 at 10:17 AM

WK

“ *Bill & Rose Knight*



William Knight - April 30, 2021 at 09:22 AM

WH

“ *William (Billy) And Lisa Hooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



William (Billy) and Lisa Hooks - April 29, 2021 at 07:51 PM

GM

“ *Gloria Majette lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



gloria majette - April 29, 2021 at 06:45 PM

JL

“ *So sorry for your loss. Johnnie and Natalie Lassiter*



JOHNNIE LASSITER - April 29, 2021 at 03:56 PM

P-

“ *P-Nut sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



P-Nut - April 29, 2021 at 02:55 PM

JA

“ *KJ & Family... You're in our thoughts and prayers! Much Love, Josh (Woody), Jerry & Aretha*

Josh, Jerry & Aretha - April 29, 2021 at 12:52 PM

VK

“ *Vivian & Tanya Knight lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Vivian & Tanya Knight - April 29, 2021 at 11:53 AM

FH

“ *Fred & Gloria Harvey lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Fred & Gloria Harvey - April 28, 2021 at 08:23 PM

GC

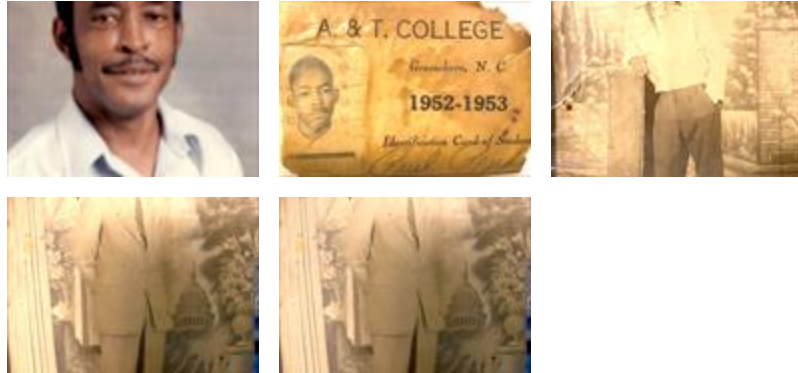
“ *R.I.P. Mr. Pruden fond memories, Murfreesboro classes of 74, 78, 84 The Pruden/ Felton Families.*



Gwendolyn Carson - April 28, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



Hertford County Undertakers - April 28, 2021 at 06:02 PM

KA

“ Condolences to the family. May God's grace and mercy strengthen and keep you during this trying time. May His peace be with you.



K. Artis - April 28, 2021 at 03:26 PM

FC

“ Fredrick Charity lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr



Fredrick Charity - April 28, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ *Cleo Gatling lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Cleo Gatling - April 28, 2021 at 04:56 AM



“ *Marie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Marie Lewis - April 27, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ *Joyce Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Joyce Wiggins - April 27, 2021 at 09:06 AM



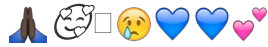
“ *Joyce Wiggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Joyce Wiggins - April 27, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ To the family!! I am so sorry for your loss!! Mr Pruden was a Awesome Teacher and a Wonderful Sweet Man!!!:He Will Be Missed 💕💕



Joyce Wiggins - April 27, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Paul Pruden Sr.



April 26, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ Odessa Gatling lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr



Odessa Gatling - April 26, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ Aisha Powell lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr



Aisha Powell - April 26, 2021 at 02:04 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Matthews lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Deborah Matthews - April 26, 2021 at 12:50 PM

GM

“ *Gregory Britt & Tawana W. McMillan lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Gregory Britt & Tawana W. McMillan - April 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM

JE

“ *Joan Eley lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



joan eley - April 26, 2021 at 08:36 AM

JE

My condolences goes out to you and your family

joan eley - April 26, 2021 at 08:37 AM

AR

“ Prayers and condolences on your loss to the family. May you find comfort in God's love and shared memories.



Andrew Ryan - April 26, 2021 at 08:07 AM

VG

“ Vashtie Gatling lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr



Vashtie Gatling - April 26, 2021 at 07:46 AM

CF

“ Catherine Gatling Family lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr



Catherine Gatling family - April 26, 2021 at 07:40 AM

VG

The late Robert Lee Gatling Sr. Family sent our deepest sympathy. 🙏

Vashtie Gatling - April 26, 2021 at 07:43 AM

DB

“ *Deloris Boone sent a virtual gift in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Deloris Boone - April 26, 2021 at 06:44 AM

DB

I will always remember him from school. One of my favorite teachers. My condolences to the family.

Deloris Boone - April 26, 2021 at 06:47 AM

JJ

“ *Janet Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Janet Jenkins - April 26, 2021 at 12:37 AM

MB

“ *Mary H. Boone lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Mary H. Boone - April 25, 2021 at 11:33 PM

MJ

“ *Mildred Jordan lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Mildred Jordan - April 25, 2021 at 01:54 PM

JJ

“ *Condolences to the Pruden family on the passing of Mr. Pruden. He was an outstanding educator and a credit to the teaching profession. I was a student of his at C. S. Brown and loved going to his class. He treated every one of his students fairly and with respect.*



Jacqueline Vann Jones - April 25, 2021 at 10:46 AM

WC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family.*



Westelle Cherry - April 25, 2021 at 12:02 AM

TF

“ *Tonya Pearson Faison lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Tonya Pearson Faison - April 24, 2021 at 11:18 PM



“ *Antwan Campbell lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Antwan Campbell - April 24, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ *My prayers and condolences to you all.*



Cynthia Gatling - April 24, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ *MHS Class Of 1985 lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



MHS Class of 1985 - April 24, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *Susan Monger Jordan lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Susan Monger Jordan - April 24, 2021 at 03:46 PM

EM

“ *Ellen Mills lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Ellen Mills - April 24, 2021 at 02:30 PM

CH

“ *Condolences to the Pruden family on the loss of your love one.*



Gilbert and Charmont Hall-Stephen

Charmont Hall-Stephen - April 24, 2021 at 11:10 AM

TH

“ *Tomika Harrell lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



Tomika Harrell - April 24, 2021 at 08:14 AM

TF

“ *The Tann Family lit a candle in memory of Paul Pruden Sr*



The Tann Family - April 23, 2021 at 11:16 PM