



## Mr. Jeff Pruitt

January 30, 1964 - July 16, 2020

Jeff Pruitt, age 56, Deputy Director of Roswell Parks and Recreation and resident of Alpharetta passed away July 16th 2020 due to an unexpected medical emergency. Jeff is survived by his wife of 32 years Carla Mathis Pruitt, daughter Ansley (Zach) Denn, daughter Addison Pruitt, mother Gail Pruitt, father Doyle (LaNelle) Pruitt, and brother Jason (Ashley) Pruitt.

Jeff, born in Atlanta, was a graduate of Roswell High School and Kennesaw State University. His life's work was with the Roswell Recreation and Parks Dept. Jeff started as a score keeper and referee at age 15 and advanced himself to lead a department to National Agency of the Year Gold Medal recognition. He touched and enriched many young people's lives throughout his career.

Jeff was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, and loyal friend. He was a man like no other who was humble, kind and nurturing. Jeff was just a great guy that never met a stranger and was loved by everyone. He was a quiet leader who was able to get things done flawlessly behind the scenes. Jeff's passions included traveling, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

A private memorial will be held for family at Northside Chapel. A public memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Carla Pruitt/Jeff Pruitt Memorial Fund at any United Community Bank location. Electronic deposits can also be made through Venmo to @Jeff-Pruitt-Memorial. Proceeds from donations will fund a one-time scholarship in Jeff's memory to a Kennesaw State University student with financial needs.

# Cemetery

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## **Northside Chapel Crematory**

12050 Crabapple Rd

Roswell, GA, 30075

# Comments

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“ Frances Callum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



Frances Callum - August 12, 2020 at 11:35 AM

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“ Laurianne Love lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



Laurianne Love - August 12, 2020 at 10:35 AM

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“ Jeff was such a sweet guy. He had a servant's heart and truly loved the people of Roswell. It was always a good day when I ran into Jeff and I will miss his big smile friendly greetings. A huge, huge loss to Roswell Rec & Parks, and to the city as a whole. My deepest sympathies to his family.

David Tolleson - August 07, 2020 at 05:23 PM

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“ I want to offer my condolences to Jeff's family. I enjoyed working with him on the vision for the Rowell River Parks Plan and know he was excited to move ahead with getting that vision realized. Jeff was an honest and open client and I appreciated his support over the years. God Bless.

Brad Jones - July 31, 2020 at 03:04 PM

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“ Debbie Ephrem lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



**Debbie Ephrem** - July 31, 2020 at 08:02 AM

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“ Stefanie Dye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



**Stefanie Dye** - July 25, 2020 at 07:49 AM

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“ Bryan Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



**Bryan Young** - July 24, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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“ Rusty Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



**Rusty Pruitt** - July 23, 2020 at 03:07 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies go out to Jeff's family. I am so shocked and saddened by his passing. Jeff was my first client as a young landscape architect just out of graduate school, nearly twenty years ago. I worked with him on numerous projects over the last two decades and considered him a dear friend. He was one of my biggest supporters when I started my business nearly a decade ago. He always had words of wisdom and encouragement. Jeff was a man of immeasurable integrity, quiet humility and genuine kindness. He leaves an incredible legacy behind, along with a giant hole in my heart. I can still hear his warm laugh, and I will miss him terribly. Rest in peace my friend.

**Michael Kidd** - July 22, 2020 at 02:05 PM

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“ Jeff Pruitt told me about what he believed government's responsibility was to the people within it, and he said that if someone was in need, the government—and therefore Jeff—needed to find out how to accommodate and help them first, and adjust policy and budget decisions accordingly later. To hear such a heartfelt, humble mantra from a long time public servant is the epitome of good governance, which is unfortunately so rare in this divisive world. To see his resilience and joy in his work gives me hope for the future the City and for my own future, as it helped to inspire to my own career in public service. His leadership and kindness will surely be missed, but his influence will continue to guide the City for many years to come. Rest well in Heaven Jeff!

**Ted Moeller** - July 21, 2020 at 05:36 PM

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“ Eric Bielenberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



**Eric Bielenberg** - July 21, 2020 at 04:53 PM

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“ Ana Echevarria lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



**Ana Echevarria** - July 21, 2020 at 02:56 PM

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“ Jaynesa Guidry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



**Jaynesa Guidry** - July 21, 2020 at 02:44 PM

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“ Harpreet Hora lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



Harpreet Hora - July 21, 2020 at 02:25 PM

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“ ADarby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



ADarby - July 21, 2020 at 02:10 PM

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“ Lynn Shriner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



Lynn Shriner - July 21, 2020 at 01:41 PM

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“ Karen Bernard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



**Karen Bernard** - July 21, 2020 at 01:40 PM

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“ We were so saddened to learn of Jeff's passing - he was such a strong leader in the Roswell community, and he was a friend to many and an enemy to none. May he rest in peace and his family find healing from his loss.



**Atlanta Rowing Club** - July 21, 2020 at 12:29 PM

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“ Kay Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



**Kay Taylor** - July 21, 2020 at 11:58 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about this. I was young when I worked with him at the city and he made me feel so welcome and accepted. It is heartbreaking to hear such a kind person has left us. My deepest love goes out to the family. He touched hearts everywhere he went and he is deeply missed.

**Lacey Rhodes** - July 20, 2020 at 09:30 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the family on Jeff’s passing. Jeff was a helpful, caring and loving man who would enter the Church’s front door with a big smile on his face, I will miss him.

Praying for healing and God’s special care for the family. Jeffrey Knudson

**jeffrey Knudson** - July 20, 2020 at 08:33 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to your family. This is such a heartbreaking loss for you, the community and throughout the state. Jeff was such a kind man, who guided so many young professionals, myself included throughout his career. He always greeted me with big smile and a hug. He will be greatly missed by his GRPA family. My prayers and love to you all.

**Whitney Sperlik** - July 20, 2020 at 04:10 PM

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“ Carla, I'm so sorry to hear this news. I wish you and your family peace and healing.

**Amy Stone** - July 20, 2020 at 02:23 PM

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“ Kay Love lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



**Kay Love** - July 20, 2020 at 12:38 PM

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“ Stacy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeff Pruitt



Stacy - July 20, 2020 at 06:41 AM

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“ I'm so heartbroken to hear about Jeff's passing. He was a friend and a coworker and I'll always remember him.  
My prayer is that we can all find comfort in fondest of memories of Jeff. I'm sure we all have so many.  
To Carla and family, I'll pray for the strength and love to see you through.



Wendy Ademy - July 19, 2020 at 02:31 PM

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“ Jeff Pruitt will be missed by many in the Roswell Community. From his years at Roswell High School, his work for the Roswell Rec Department during those years, and eventually his well earned position at the Rec Department, he was always about serving others.

Jeff was a key figure for many years in making Roswell a very special community for the young and old alike. The high esteem that the Roswell Recreation Department is held, nationwide, was in part to his leadership and the meaningful example he set in dealing with others.

God's blessings upon his family. We have lost a truly good soul and his legacy will continue to be inspirational for all that strive to lead a meaningful life.

Ray Manus

**Raymond Manus** - July 18, 2020 at 09:31 PM

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“ I worked with Jeff at the Rec Department for 30 years. We were not just coworkers, we all were family. When one had a problem, we all wanted to help. Jeff was always first in line to help. He was always there for me when I lost my son, Alan. He was there with a hug every day. He was always the one everyone called on when something needed to be done. Hardest worker I knew, kind and considerate of all. He loved his family and all his friends. I feel I've lost another little piece of my heart.  
Dianne Elliott

**Dianne Elliott** - July 18, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ I have known this family all of my life wonderful folks Jeff was such a fine young man love you Carla and the girls praying for your family also know he is now with loved ones in a better place with his Heavenly Father Go Rest high on that mountain my precious friend I Shall see you again when I get there Love to this sweet family Betty Ann Stowe Nation

**Ora** - July 18, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ Jeff's life and contributions to the community of Roswell are beyond words and his void will be impossible to fill. I am so thankful to have known such a man of great character and a servant's heart. Jeff touched many lives and was a blessing to everyone who knew him. We will miss you Jeff but you are now heaven's gain. May God surround the Pruitt family with His peace. Tim McFarlin

**Tim McFarlin** - July 18, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ Jeff you will be missed and yet remembered for decades to come. I was fortunate to be one of your first friends when your family moved to Roswell. I will always cherish the good times I had with you including countless days spent with HP, fishing, the beach trips, the campground meetings, working the tee-ball camps for the RRPD and of course the RHS football teams.

My heart is broken all over again, as I see so many similarities between you and my dad. You were both great friends, trusted confidants, great family men, men of faith, respected leaders, gentle giants, and contributed greatly to the City of Roswell and are largely responsible for the great history and tradition of the Roswell Recreation and Parks Department. And unfortunately we lost you both way to early, my dad was 59 and you at 56. RRPD is one of the finest in the state and in the nation and we thank you for it.

I still get a chuckle recalling one of our Chattahoochee river fishing trips. Of course HP was there with us and we all three waded into the river while you mom watched from the bank. Next thing I remember was you stepping into a whole and being washed down the river. I can still hear Miss Gail screaming "someone help my baby". I actually did try to make my way to you and you made it out just fine. But it was no thanks to HP who never made it off the rock he was own and had tears pouring out of his eyes from laughing so hard. Rest well my friend, and to the Pruitt family know our prayers are with you and I'm here for you. God's peace and love. Mark White

**Mark White** - July 18, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ My first job was watching over Waller Park with Jeff and Mark White. I can only hope my nephew has the benefit of working with two outstanding people like that. My best to Carla and the entire Pruitt family. Roswell is a better place because of Jeff. May you Rest In

Peace my good friend. Jeff Hipp

**Jeff Hipp** - July 19, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ Jeff, will truly be missed by so many that had an encounter with him. He had such a humble spirit when ever I spoke with him. He was always so respectful to me. We always enjoyed talking about how things have changed in Roswell and he was looking forward to his retirement.

I will truly miss Jeff Pruitt that gentle giant of a man. Gone but never forgotten, I will always have precious memories of him.

Family hold onto your faith that God will get you through this and know that others are praying for you.

Gail Bohannon

**Gail Bohannon** - July 20, 2020 at 07:13 AM



“ Jeff was a true friend,

I think that is the only kind he knew how to be.

He was someone you could lean on and always count on.

I have so many memories of our friendship that I will cling to.

Rest In Peace Buddy

Jay Downs

**Jay Downs** - July 20, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ Jeff was an amazing encouragement to me when I became a parks and recreation director in 2003. He always offered a kind word to me. I will always remember our last phone conversation a few weeks ago. You always asked about my family. You loved your family so much and I know they brought great joy to your life. And you loved your Roswell family too. You will be missed by so many but you did leave a mark on everything you touched. You will not be forgotten. Thanks for being my friend.

Prayers for your family and dear friends who will be missing you!

Cyndee L. Bonacci

**Cyndee Bonacci** - July 20, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. My thoughts and prayers go to his family.

I worked with Jeff for a brief period but, had the pleasure of being his friend for over 20 years. Jeff was a hard working dedicated public servant, a great leader and loyal family man. Jeff is sorely missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him.

**Charlie Sheffield** - August 04, 2020 at 10:26 AM