



## Letty S. Pryor Obituary

September 2, 1931 - October 23, 2005

Pryor, Letty Stallings - age 74, of Albany, died suddenly Sunday morning, October 23, 2005, at Phoebe Putney Hospital from complications following surgery. She was the daughter of the late Francis and Letitia Stallings Pryor of Leslie. The funeral service will be held at 11 AM Wednesday at Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church with the Rev. Nancy Scarbrough officiating. Interment will be in the DeSoto Methodist Church Cemetery in DeSoto, GA at 2 PM. Ms Pryor graduated from Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville and embarked on her teaching career, which included several years at Albany Junior High School. Subsequently, she received her master's degree from the University of Tennessee, and her PhD from Pennsylvania State University (Penn State.) She taught home economics at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and ended her career at the University of Maine at Farmington. In retirement she moved to Albany, where she renewed friendships and made new ones. She was an active member of the Porterfield United Methodist Church, the Albany Men's Garden Club, and the Thronateeska chapter of the DAR. She was well known for the beautiful floral arrangements she created. Ms Pryor is survived by her brother F. Dennis Pryor, Jr., and his wife Alice; niece Mary Alice and husband Bruce Lyon of Wilmette, Illinois; niece Amy Elizabeth and husband Overton Colton of Nashville, Tennessee; nephew F. Dennis Pryor III and wife Valerie of Austin, Texas; and niece Helen Letitia and husband Stephen Arnold of Knoxville, Tennessee. Grand nieces and nephews - Amy, Walt and Maggie Lyon; Will,

Jesse, Andrew and Mary Elizabeth Colton; Dennis IV, Adam, Ian, and Ross Pryor; and Grady and Alice Arnold. The family will receive friends at the church from 10:00 AM until the service at 11:00. Those desiring may make memorials to the United Methodist Women at the Porterfield United Methodist Church, 2200 Dawson Road, Albany 31707, or your favorite charity. You may sign the online guest book and share your own special thoughts and memories with the family of Ms Pryor by visiting Kimbrell-Stern website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

# Tribute Wall



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“ *I am grateful to have known Letty since our graduate school days at Penn State. She was truly one of the most intelligent and thoughtful persons I have ever known. It was wonderful to see her in August at the reunion and I am saddened and will miss her terribly. My deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.*

**Helen C. Hall** - November 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am also one of Letty's many Maine friends. I visited her in Albany several years ago with Marjorie Cormier, and what a time we had. Letty was the perfect hostess, showing us so much of the area and sharing her family history. But my memories of Letty go back twenty-one years when I came to work at UMaine/Farmington. She had such a curious mind and so many great ideas. Over the years we became good friends, and I treasure the many memories we created. I miss her and feel blessed to have been her friend,  
Sincere condolences,  
Susan Wales*

**Susan Wales** - November 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I was one of her students in the 60s. What a lovely person then. I often think of her classroom when going over my pictures with my children and grandchildren. God bless you, her family in your grief..

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**sandra kirkland heffernan** - November 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ Letty and I met 33 years ago at Penn State and I treasure the friendship we shared. We used to talk on the telephone for 2, 3 or 4 hours at a time and Letty called it a mini-vacation. We decided to go to the Penn State reunion a day early so we could have another of those mini-vacations - and yes, we stayed up until the early morning hours talking. We spent part of our time at the State College market where local folks had brought their wares - fruits, vegetables, flowers, etc. for the day. Letty found some beautiful flowers. She commented that it would be so great to buy a bouquet for everyone coming to the re-union and have them placed in their rooms to welcome them. That was Letty! Her friendship was a great blessing in my life. I miss her.

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**Edna Page Anderson** - November 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We met at Penn State as grad students. I remember Letty as a gentle and gracious woman, so devoted to women's issues and equality. I regret I was unable to visit with her last August in State College because of prior commitments of my professional life. It seems to me that she touched many lives.

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**Dorothy I. Mitstifer** - November 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My deepest sympathies to Letty's family. I am so glad I had the opportunity to see her in August. She was a dear friend from our days at Penn State. I will cherish her intellect and wonderful sense of humor.

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**Sally K. Williams** - November 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Letty was truly an exceptional woman, giving continual friendship and support to others, always with a smile. She was a great supporter of advancing women and will be missed.

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**Sharon Siverts** - November 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Letty was the person who encouraged me to stay at Penn State and continue my graduate work. I remember vividly to this day our conversation one night after graduate seminar. Thank you Letty for your support and good advice.

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**Connie Ley** - November 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I am one of Letty's many Farmington friends. She was a wonderful sincere person who I greatly admired.  
When I visited her in her home in the spring of 2003 she made sure that I was treated to the best of everything. We took many trips and learned all about her family history. The highlight was a trip to Leslie to see her family home. It was a delight to hear the stories of her childhood and actually see the rooms she grew up in. I have photos that I intend to share on a website at a later date. If anyone would like to contact me about the site, my address is [cormier@mainewest.com](mailto:cormier@mainewest.com)  
I can not believe that we will not hear her sweet voice again.  
Sincerely and my deepest sympathy.  
Marjorie Cormier

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**Marjorie Cormier** - October 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ Letty has been a very good friend for a long time. We met in graduate school at Penn State in the 1970s. Our friendship developed after she took a position at the University of ME and I was on the faculty at the Univ. of MA-Amherst. We took vacations together to Maine several times, Nova Scotia, New York State, Massachusetts, and spent Thanksgiving together at my home in S. Deerfield. She loved bittersweet so we went out looking for it and came home with my car trunk full of it. The house looked beautiful. When I moved to Laramie, Wyoming, she came for a two-week vacation. We traveled up to Glacier National Park where we camped with friends from MA for two nights. Letty said there were some things in life you do just to try and camping for her was one of those things. She planned to never do it again. I still smile when I think of that trip. We frequently talked on the phone, exchanged letters, books, and newspaper clippings. She had quite a sense of humor and was fun, but not frivolous. She was quite passionate about injustice and concerned about the well-being of others. The last time I was her was in early August at the reunion of faculty and students from our graduate department at Penn State. I called her in the hospital on Saturday morning on October 22, when she told me the doctor had indicated that she might be going home the next day. Her sudden death was shocking; it has left a hole in my life as it has for her other many friends and family members. I would love to talk with her other friends and family to reminisce and share photos.

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Virginia Vincenti (Ginny) - October 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Just learned of Letty's death in checking the Times Recorder. We have been out of town and only just returned. Remembering her and Denny brings back many memories of the days growing up in Leslie. Please know that I am saddened by her passing.

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June Deavours Worsham - October 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with your family at this time. The Pryors were always good neighbors and friends. When Letty would see me, she would usually comment about Mama and Mrs. Letitia and some of the things they would do(which always gave us a good chuckle).

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**Sue Pace James** - October 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Letty was a member of the SWGG Society for many years. She & I enjoyed sharing info on the Pryor family. She will be missed.

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**Lallie Dozier Benkoski** - October 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ My family, The Paces, in Leslie, have always thought so much of 'Miss' Letitia and Miss Letty. We were neighbors for as long as I can remember. Miss Letty has always been a part of our Leslie family even though she hasn't lived here in a while. She will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

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**Frances Pace Bass** - October 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM