



Dr. Todd A. Pritz

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Dr. Todd A. Pritz, 63, of Des Peres, Missouri, formerly of Frazeyburg, Ohio, died January 15, 2014 at Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri.

Born February 21, 1950 in North Canton, Ohio, he was the son of the late William W. Pritz and Ruth (Weise) Pritz. Dr. Pritz graduated as salutatorian of the class of 1968 at Tri-Valley High School in Dresden, Ohio. He graduated magna cum laude from Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio in 1973 and received his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts in 1979.

Dr. Pritz practiced medicine in the Boston area for many years as an emergency department physician. As an example of his lifelong pursuit of learning, in 2005, at the age of 58, he entered a fellowship at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis, MO in critical care medicine, which he completed in 2007. In 2007 he began work at St. Anthony's Medical Center in St. Louis as an intensivist in the ICU. He was known for his great compassion for his patients and their families, his soft-spoken and calm demeanor, his unwavering integrity, and his strong moral principles. He constantly sought to further his education and understanding of best practices in medicine in order to provide the best possible care. He was a mentor to many people in his profession and was extremely generous with his time and knowledge.

Dr. Pritz loved his garden and spent many hours trying to make his Midwestern yard resemble a New England landscape. Many lucky dogs had the good fortune to be adopted and spoiled by Todd.

Dr. Pritz is survived by his loving wife, Jeannette Kelly of Des Peres, Missouri, his stepdaughter Sarah Kelly, her husband Mattijs van Maasakkers and their son, Frederik van Maasakkers of Boston, Massachusetts; his stepson Robert Kelly of Seattle, Washington; and his half-sister Sarah Bricolas of Newport Richey, Florida. Calling hours will be 6pm to 8pm Monday, January 20, 2014 at the Frazeyburg Chapel of Vensil & Chute, 110 West Third Street.



Obituary

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Funeral services will be 11:00am Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Frazeysburg Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: The American Cancer Society, Cancer.org, 800-227-2346 or American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Honor Gift) aspca.org, 800-628-0028.



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DM

Dave Mccutcheon posted:

Todd was my best friend, my mentor, my "blood brother", and my idol!! Growing up next door to Todd and his family was nothing short of wonderful. Every activity in which Todd wanted to participate always included me... we played baseball (Todd was the pitcher and I was his catcher). When Todd wanted to joined boy scouts, his Mom bought me a uniform, too, so I could also join!! We were always Mutt (me) and Jeff... always doing everything together!! You are, and always will be missed my friend, my brother!!♥. Love you forever!!

January 14 at 11:01 AM

WB

Will Bleakley posted:

Todd old buddy, You live on in our hearts and mind. Thanks for everything. Merko says hi.Love, Will,Jane,Martin, and Cyrus

January 7 at 3:12 AM

SS

Sabina Smajis posted:

He will be forever missed and it will take a lot to fill his shoes. Mrs. Jeanette, thank you for sharing him with us. I wish that he had gotten more time with you. Thank you

January 30 at 5:35 PM

RR

Ron Ruzicka posted:

Jeannette,I just found out about Todd's passing. My brother, Paul, always spoke highly of the both of you when you lived next store to him. It was a pleasure working with you to help you purchase your home in Des Peres. I thought that was amazing that Todd went back for more education at his age. He was a very good man. Ron Ruzicka

January 28 at 10:36 AM

DM

Dave Mccutcheon posted:

Jeannette... I love you and thank you for being Todd's love and life. Having grown up with him, he was my brother, I was part of his family. I know he was as good a physician as he was a human being, which was EXCELLENT!! I will forever miss you old friend... until we meet again!!!

January 26 at 3:44 PM



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MN

Matt Noble posted:

I always enjoyed working with Dr. Pritz, and my condolences to his family. He will be missed greatly.

January 23 at 9:48 AM

RN

Rebecca Nelson posted:

Dr Pritz was an amazing inspiration to me. The care given to patients and patient families went beyond. The worst days in ICU were always manageable with Dr Pritz. I will forever miss his humor as well. Working with Dr Pritz and learning from him was a pleasure. Dr Pritz will not be forgotten. Dr Pritz, you will be deeply missed.

January 22 at 9:51 AM

SB

Stephanie Boyster posted:

Dr. Pritz was a superb physician, one of the greatest I have ever known. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, and all those who were fortunate to know him. God Bless yous.

January 22 at 5:33 AM

HH

Heather Hodges posted:

Dr. Pritz was an exceptional physician and an amazing person. The care and compassion he showed for his fellow man (and man's best friend) will forever live on in the hearts and souls of the people who were lucky enough to have met him. He will forever be in our hearts. SICU will never be the same without him. Thank you Dr. Pritz for all you have taught me. Rest in peace.

January 21 at 5:19 PM

CJ

Christina J posted:

Its hard to put into words the great loss our ICU has suffered. Dr. Pritz was not only an excellent physician, but he was a wonderful being. His legacy will carry on. My sincere condolences to family.

January 21 at 11:10 AM



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SC

Sandie Chandler posted:

Jeannette, having you and Todd in my life has been a bright spot. My heart goes out to you in your loss, and I will be here for you during the dark days to come. Not only was Todd a caring, dedicated physician, he was an exceptional human being.

January 21 at 6:55 AM

CS

Cindy Salyer posted:

Dr Pritz was one of the most caring physicians I have had the pleasure of working with. He always had a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed at SAMC.

January 21 at 5:23 AM

PC

Pat Coutinho posted:

The descriptive words in Todd's obituary made me wish I had known him more than the few visits I had with him. His life was spent in giving to others. I just wish life could have given him more time with Jeannette.

January 21 at 4:16 AM

KC

Katharine C posted:

Dr. Pritz was a wonderful physician. He was truly a kind soul and was well-respected by his colleagues. He will be greatly missed in the ICU.

January 20 at 10:45 PM



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TF

The Indelicato Family posted:

Our family met Dr. Pritz in Sept 2010 in a place that for us was tragic, the ICU at St. Anthony's Medical Center. He stood over our perfectly healthy 59 year old father who suffered a sudden brain stem stroke and in an instant became one of our dads 1st lifesavers. He did so in a manner that spoke volumes about the type of doctor he was. He treated dad with dignity, kindness, empathy and total concern. He also brought comfort to our family knowing that dad was in such experienced hands. A year or so later, dad came back for a visit at the ICU and Dr. Pritz was just awesome! He was so gracious and kind, praising dad for his progress and even asked for dad to take a picture with him. Prior to the stroke, dad was a 32 time marathon runner and perfectly healthy 59 y/o soldier. The stroke left him with an extended 7 week stay in neuro ICU and unable to swallow, walk without assistance, and sleeps nightly on a ventilator amongst other complications. Dad has made great progress in the last 3 years...we know this is because of people just like Dr. Pritz. He touched our family in a way that words cannot express and we will be forever grateful to have crossed paths with such an intelligent, invested, compassionate, loving and caring doctor. Dr. Pritz is someone our family will never forget and always be grateful for!

January 20 at 6:12 PM

BM

Bob McMahon posted:

A truly kind, caring and knowledgeable man. It was a great privilege to share patient care with him. I learned to trust and rely on his judgment.

January 20 at 4:09 PM

AB

Ainsley Breedlove posted:

When Dr. Pritz walked into the ICU an immediate smile would come across my face just knowing that I had the opportunity to spend another day working with him as well as the opportunity to learn from the best. I will miss you greatly! My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

January 20 at 10:12 AM

DO

Dan Osborn posted:

Todd was looked up to by his classmates. I valued Todd's friendship and feel that I am better for knowing him.

January 20 at 6:49 AM



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TH

Tracy Hildebrand posted:

We all greatly enjoyed working with you. You will be greatly missed by all.

January 20 at 6:18 AM

LR

Liz Robertson posted:

As a new surgeon at St. Anthony's, Dr. Pritz was an amazing mentor. He guided me through the basic issues of being in a new medical facility (where are those bathrooms?) and the more complex end of life patient issues when covering for an out of town partner. He was a model physician in life and how he managed his own death. I think about him often now that I have left private practice to do my own critical care fellowship. I was privileged to get to share patients with him.

January 20 at 5:59 AM

LD

Lisa Devore posted:

It was such an honor and pleasure to work with Dr. Pritz. He was a teacher, mentor, and friend to all. We will miss his smile and great sense of humor.....he was a bright spot in our lives and ICU!!

January 20 at 4:30 AM

RS

Ron & Lindy Salerno posted:

A Great Person. Will surely be missed. You are in our prayers.

January 20 at 3:36 AM

NL

Nat Levy posted:

Todd was a caring and dedicated Physician and an exceptional person. He will be greatly missed by all the individuals who were privileged to have had the opportunity to know him.

January 19 at 7:13 PM

JC

Jennifer Curry posted:

Dr. Pritz's love of medicine and compassion for his patients was extraordinary. He is truly missed by us all at St. Anthony's SICU!

January 19 at 7:12 PM



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KD

Kim Davlan posted:

I learned so much from Dr. Pritz. Such a kind soul. Rest in peace

January 19 at 5:32 PM

JW

Jessica Wegescheide posted:

Dr Pritz was a true diamond in the rough. He will be greatly missed by his SAMC ICU staff.

January 19 at 5:29 PM

AT

Amanda Tolan posted:

It was a privilege to work with Dr Pritz. He was always a physician you could go to and know he had the best interest for our ICU patients. He was always teaching us and his wealth of knowledge will be greatly missed. Our ICU won't be the same!

January 19 at 4:51 PM

RD

Rossann Davis posted:

Todd was always the quiet one whom everyone could count on. He was always willing to help you understand some chemistry or biology that the teachers just could not. God bless you. My deepest sympathies to his family.

January 18 at 2:32 PM



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Join us in honoring Todd by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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