



## Richard A. Pryatel DDS

February 22, 1941 - March 30, 2022

Dr. Richard Anthony Pryatel “Doc” of Mentor, passed away on March 30, 2022 at the age of 81. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather and will be greatly missed by all.

Survivors include his wife Mary Ann (Balasko) Pryatel; his three daughters, Sherri (husband Olaf) Schabbach, Wendi (husband Todd) Bergdoll, Lorri (husband Mike) Kaighin; his 7 grandchildren Emory Bergdoll, Gracie Bergdoll, Jackson Bergdoll, Lindsay Kaighin, Wyatt Kaighin, Colby Kaighin, and Shiva Schabbach; his two step-daughters Candy Kucinski and Ali Hebner and her children AJ Moses and Kenzie Moses.

He is preceded in death by his parents Dr. Anthony Pryatel (originally Prijatel) and Clara (Holst) Pryatel of Lorain, his sister Shirley (husband Edward) Higgins of Amherst, and his brother Robert Pryatel of Lorain.

Richard was born on February 22, 1941 in Lorain, Ohio and graduated from Lorain High School in 1958. He was a proud graduate of The Ohio State University for both undergraduate as well as dental school. He graduated from Ohio State College of Dentistry in 1967, carrying on the family legacy of a rewarding and fulfilling career in the medical field.

Richard was recognized as a “Top Dentist in America” and was awarded the

distinction of Life Member of The Ohio State University Dental Alumni Association.

He loved learning and was proud of his continuing education and earning the highest classification of 6 PLUS at the prestigious world-class Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education Training as well as the Dawson Academy for Dental Continuing Education. He gave amazing care to all his patients and lived by the motto, "People don't care what you know until they know that you care" and he did just that. He cared for all of his patients by giving them exceptional, individualized dental care. He enjoyed a very successful dental practice in Mentor, Ohio for 50 years and was happy to join Fioritto Family Dental toward the end of his career.

Richard was a loyal Buckeye fan and a season ticket holder for Ohio State football games for over 60 years. He was a gifted musician and played many instruments including the piano, guitar, and banjo. But, his favorite instrument to play was the accordion. He was a loyal patron of the arts and was a season ticket holder of the Cleveland Play House Theater. Richard was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing in his golf league. He loved challenging his mind daily by doing the New York Times Crossword Puzzles (in ink), Sudokus, and Jumbles.

He was very generous - generous with giving thoughtful gifts, giving of his time, and sharing his knowledge. He sponsored local youth athletics and supported Mentor High School's work-education program by mentoring students pursuing careers as dental assistants.

Richard made a difference, touched many lives, and lived a life well-lived. In Slovenian "Pryatel" means "not just friend, but good-good friend" and Richard Pryatel was true to his name. He was very loyal and a true friend in every sense of the word. If you ever needed him, he was always there. As he often liked to say, "Now ain't that something?" QPQ.

The family will receive friends from 1-3 pm on Saturday April 2, 2022 with a memorial service at 3 pm Saturday at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cleveland Clinic Hospice at <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/giving/make-a-gift?q=hospice>.

Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
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## Funeral Service

APR 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LK

“ On behalf of the family of Dr. Richard Pryatel, I want to thank everyone for your outpouring love and condolences on the loss of my father. It is great to hear from so many of his cherished friends, family, patients, and people that he touched during his life. I can assure you, that he truly cared for all of you. With love and appreciation, Lorri (Pryatel) Kaighin

Lorri Kaighin - April 09, 2022 at 01:55 PM

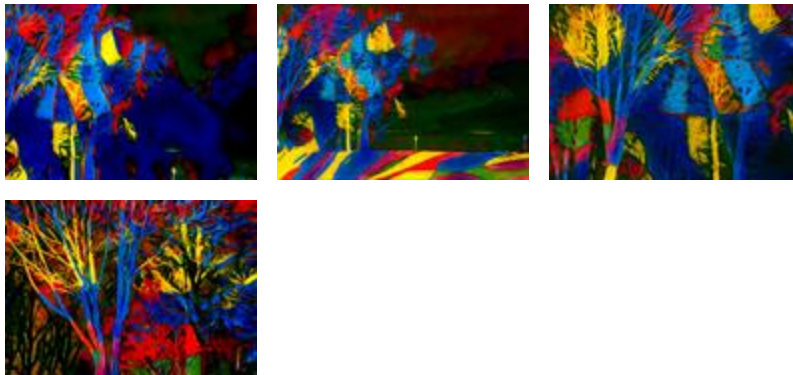
PM

My heart breaks at the news of Dr Pryatel's passing. He had a great heart and cared so much about his loved ones and patients. As a patient of his since 1972 at the age of 15, I can honestly say that I considered him a friend and he will be dearly missed. Condolences and love to his family, Patricia May

Patricia May - June 15, 2022 at 08:31 PM

R.

“This is for you Dad”



R.O.Schabbach - April 03, 2022 at 01:07 AM

DT

“ *Condolences to my dear lifelong friend, Sherri, on the loss of her beloved father.  
Ever since our childhood in Cleveland and whenever I met Richard since I have known him to be a wonderful person- kind, loving and caring for his family.  
My heart goes out to Mary Ann, Sherri, Wendi, Lorri, the grandchildren, family and friends.  
Thinking of you from across the ocean.  
May he rest in love and peace.  
Amen.  
Daphna Timor  
Israel*

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**Daphna Timor** - April 02, 2022 at 08:46 AM

RP

“ *Very sorry to hear about Dr. Pryatel's passing, My wife was a patient for 50 years started at age 12, When i got engaged to my wife i went to see Doctor Pryatel, He got the biggest kick that my new wife was having my teeth checked, Like buying a horse, We laughed about that for 40 years. He was a fantastic dentist and a great guy, He used to have his home Ph Number listed in the phone book, Because he said i don't hide from my patients, You don't see that anymore. Our condolences to all of his family, Rob & Sue Poe.*

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**Robert Poe** - April 01, 2022 at 12:10 PM

JH

“ *Doc was a lifelong family friend. Brilliant and funny. For many many years Doc would come by the house every Christmas Eve to visit. As children we were usually asleep but boy could we hear them. I remember all my dental visits as a child and even as a young adult. He kept all of my childhood drawings I made for him in my patient folder year after year. He truly cared. And still today I don't have a cavity- lol (age 57). - our family will miss him and never forget him. John Hall, III.*

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**John Hall** - April 01, 2022 at 11:59 AM

JH

*We met Dick when we had just moved to Ohio ( Bayridge Appts. - Willowick) & he was just starting his dental practice . We had 3 little boys & Dick had 3 little girls ... And we remained close forever ! Dick was my best friend & I will miss him so ... 💕 Jane Hall*

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**Jane Hall** - April 03, 2022 at 02:28 PM

DS

“ *My heart goes out to the family.  
I had been doing docs hair for many years.  
Was a brilliant man. He knew a lot of just about everything, and if he didn't know ,you can bet he was going to find out. Always looked Forward when he came in. We would get caught up on his life and his family.  
I am going to miss him very much!  
Take care my friend!!!!  
Dennis*

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**Dennis Simmons** - March 31, 2022 at 08:17 PM

AR

“ *Mary Ann and Family...our deepest condolences on your loss. Be assured of our prayers for strength and peace.*

*Joe and Andrea Rodriguez*

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**Andrea Rodriguez** - March 31, 2022 at 06:33 PM

CB

“ *Our Condolences to Todd and Wendi Bergdoll, Emory, Gracie, Jackson and all the families. Jim and Carolyn Buckley.*

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**carolyn and Jim Buckley** - March 31, 2022 at 04:14 PM