



Dr. Claudius Hornby Pritchard Jr.

June 28, 1927 - June 27, 2023

Dr. Claudius (Claude) H. Pritchard, Jr., President Emeritus of Maryville University, St Louis, Missouri, died Tuesday, June 27, 2023 in Summerville, South Carolina. He was born June 28, 1927 in Charleston, West Virginia, the son of the late Dr. Claudius (Claude) H. Pritchard and the late Katherine Ellison Pritchard. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Grace Pritchard Earhart.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Marjorie Pullen Pritchard and four children: Virginia Pritchard Ashby (Richard), Katherine Pritchard Napier (Ronald), Olivia Pritchard Sharpton (James) and Claudius H. Pritchard, V (Mary Beth); eight grandchildren: Alan Ashby (Lacey), David Ashby (Mae), Marjorie Ashby Davis (Michael), Andrew Napier, William Napier, Mary Katherine Napier Bailey (Brendan), Claudius H. Pritchard, VI, and Jeanie Pritchard; six great-grandchildren: Kate, Ryan, Madison, and Steven Ashby, Walker and Mary Virginia Davis.

A graduate of Boys High School, Atlanta, Georgia, he served in the U.S. Navy in WWII. He received his BA degree from Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia, his MA from Longwood University, Farmville, Virginia, and his PhD. from Florida State University, Tallahassee.

Following graduation from Hampden-Sydney, he worked for American National Bank in Danville Virginia before moving to Farmville, Virginia to work at Planters Bank and Trust Company. He then worked for Hampden-Sydney College for 16 years, first as an Assistant to the President, then Business

Manager, and later as Vice President for Development. After receiving his PhD., he worked for a year for the State of Florida as Senior Budget Analyst for Education. He spent the next four years as President of Sullins College, Bristol, Virginia.

In 1976, accepted the position of Vice President of Administration at Maryville University, St. Louis, Missouri and then served as President for 15 years, where he presided over a period of dynamic growth. At retirement in 1992, Dr. Pritchard was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Years later Maryville honored him by naming a hall in the administration building for him, and last year he was inducted into the Maryville University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Active in civic and community affairs, Dr. Pritchard served as president of the Lions and Jaycees (Farmville, VA), Rotary Club (Bristol, VA-TN), Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce (Chesterfield, MO). In Chesterfield, he served as a charter member of that city's Planning and Zoning Commission and in 1986, he was named the Chesterfield Citizen of the Year. In Summerville, SC he served as chairman of the Commercial Design Review Board. He was a member of the Summerville Rotary Club.

A lifelong Presbyterian, he had served as an elder and as a deacon in several Presbyterian (US) churches. He was a member of Summerville Presbyterian Church.

A graveside service will be held on July 7, 2023 at 11:30am at White Church Cemetery, 10548 Dorchester Road, Summerville. In lieu of flowers, memorials made be made to the Maryville University Pritchard Scholarship Fund, 650 Maryville University Dr., St. Louis, MO 63141.

Cemetery Details

White Church Cemetery

Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485

Previous Events

Graveside

JUL 7. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Summerville, SC 29485

Tribute Wall



“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

James Dyal Funeral Home - July 11, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Claudius Hornby Pritchard Jr..* ”



July 05, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ *Dr.Pritchard was such a well and respected man. I had the privilege of spending time with him daily..I learned so much from him about his work his life his family..A Gentleman he was...He will forever be missed....Deborah S..* ”

Deborah Simmons - July 03, 2023 at 07:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Claudius Hornby Pritchard Jr..* ”



July 01, 2023 at 12:03 PM

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“ We love this family. What a gracious lovely gentleman. Sending prayers and love to all of you.

Teresa Emans - July 01, 2023 at 11:58 AM

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“ We count ourselves very fortunate to have met and become friends with Dr. Pritchard and his entire family. He was kind and a true gentleman who we will always remember for his warm smile and willingness to extend a helping hand. You will remain in our prayers today and in the days to come.



Greg Coggins - June 29, 2023 at 06:14 PM

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“ We love you all, and will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

Tom Jones - June 29, 2023 at 05:08 PM