



THEODORE "TED" JOHN PRATT

August 2, 1957 - July 3, 2025

Ted Pratt achieved his eternal rest at 67 after a valiant battle against pancreatic cancer. He leaves a legacy of faith, hope and love of family, friends and his church. We find comfort in the assurance that he now rests peacefully in the embrace of his Savior and Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents Edward James Pratt and Marjorie Jean King Pratt and sister, Ellen Pratt Davis. He is survived by his wife Barri Ann Norton Pratt; his daughter, Hannah Pratt Free (Daniel); brothers Eddie Pratt (Gloria) and Dennis Pratt (Glenda); sister-in-law, Jenny Norton Greer (Jeff); and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Ted grew up in Robertsedale, AL and graduated from Auburn University in Mass Communications. He held a variety of communications jobs including editor for The Onlooker in Foley, AL; a reporter for The Birmingham News where he received the Big N Award, covered the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta and the opening of the Mercedes Benz Plant in Vance, AL. Ted retired in 2019 from Honda Manufacturing of Alabama in Lincoln, AL where he was the Administrator of Corporate Affairs and Communication Department. He worked with community outreach, writing speeches for leadership and communicated all things Honda as he was proud of the work being done

there. Ted's favorite part of his job was planning and leading associate/family events.

Ted met the love of his life, Barri Ann Norton, while they both attended Auburn University and they were married for 42 beautiful years! Ted spoke often of their marriage and life together and how they were always a team. Some of their happiest moments in the last few years were when Ted volunteered regularly at Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church in McCalla, AL where Barri is employed and their team-work took on new meaning.

Ted loved and cherished their daughter, Hannah, and he was an amazing girl-dad! The memories of travels and cooking together are some of the sweetest as he taught her and shared his talents with her! He was always there with flowers for dance recitals, a laugh at basketball games and a smile at high school and college band events. One of his happiest moments was being able to walk her down the aisle on her wedding day.

Ted was an elder and a very active worker at Shepherd of the Valley. From being the "professional" in the a/v booth to lawn maintenance to chef, Ted was always happy to serve with a smile. His dedication to Christ's Church and making a difference in the community was seen in his joy and work with SVPC's December gift to the community, Christmas of Light. His enthusiasm and commitment to this outreach project was a blessing for so many and he will long be remembered for this joyous event.

Ted brought beautiful light and joy to this world. His faith and love of Jesus Christ led him through these last very tough months and his bright smile

continued as he leaned more and more into God's love and promises. This legacy will guide his loved ones through the coming years.

The family offers special appreciation to all who prayed for Ted and his loved ones through this 11 month battle. They also want to thank the O'Neal Cancer Center at UAB, Dr. Darryl Outlaw, Expect Care Hospice and the Palliative and Comfort Care Unit at UAB.

On Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 3:00 PM, a Celebration of Life will be held at Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church. Memorials may be made to Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church, 5081 Eastern Valley Road, McCalla, AL, 35111. These may also be given through the church for one of Ted's favorite ministries: Operation Christmas Child, Safari Project or Faith Fortress Ministries (India). Or, to the Palliative and Comfort Care Unit at UAB, 1713 6th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35233.

Tribute Wall

AD

“ Allen Dawson lit a candle in memory of
THEODORE "TED" JOHN PRATT



Allen Dawson - September 10, 2025 at 01:01 AM

GH

“Teddy” was my roommate at Auburn. He introduced me to 35mm photography and we both worked with our cameras while at Auburn. After meeting Barri Ann, Teddy and I were invited to the Norton’s home near Bessemer where we met her parents and younger sister Jenny. They were a wonderful family living on a beautiful property with a large pond stocked with fish. We were blessed to spend many fun weekends with the Norton family.

Ted and Barri Ann got married after we graduated. I moved to Texas and we lost touch. I am very sorrowed to hear of this loss. I know he will be greatly missed by all that knew him. He truly did always light up a room with laughter.

Gary Heidelberg

Gary Heidelberg - July 21, 2025 at 11:28 AM

JE

“ John and Sarah ELAM lit a candle in memory
of THEODORE "TED" PRATT



John and Sarah ELAM - July 12, 2025 at 02:35 PM

LP

“ I will miss Ted so very much. I got to work with him on many events at our church, and his enthusiasm was absolutely infectious. He always seemed to find such true happiness in bringing happiness to other people. It was an inspiration that has made a positive impact on my life in more ways than I can count.

During our Christmas of Light events, his eyes would light up like a kids! Watching all his careful months-long preparation for the event, and all the fun he had in putting his plan into action. You could easily see why Christmas was a favorite for him. He had goodwill towards men at all times, not just in December, and he shared it feely with everyone around him. I will never hear anything by The Trans Siberian Orchestra and not think of Ted.

Not a stoic man, Ted laughed easily and wore the biggest, warmest smile. When he spoke about his wife, Barri, you could hear the love in his voice. And any time someone mentioned his daughter, you could see the pride shining in his eyes. He loved his family wholeheartedly, and openly expressed gratitude for them any chance he got.

In the time that I have known him, he gave me career advice, parenting advice, money advice, and the list goes on (all of it excellent). But the most profound gift was the example of Christian love he lived out for all who knew him, everyday. He was such a bright light in our community, and his absence is deeply felt.

Lindsey Pitts - July 10, 2025 at 05:48 PM

JR

“ *This is a hard one! I met Ted and Barri on the 1st day attending 1st Presbyterian Church in downtown Bessemer. They seemed to be the welcoming committee. Its no wonder my family continued going and became members. We really got closer when the new Church was built, Shepherd of Valley. Ted was so proud of that achievement. Since then Ted became a great friend in Christ and many others interests that we shared. Ted had are part in many things at the Church, as he was a true servant. He guided me in the things I do there now,... he even got me to play in our handbell choir? I didn't think I could do it but he coached me on, and although I am still learning, I really enjoy it.*



Thank you, Ted!

I really miss my friend Ted!

Jerry Rambin - July 09, 2025 at 01:52 PM