



Edward C. Pratt

March 7, 1933 - January 7, 2024

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marshall-March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Edward C. Pratt*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 19, 2024 at 03:29 PM

CC

“ *I had the honor of working with Mr. Pratt at BLS from 1996 until his retirement. Because I was in a different work unit from Mr. Pratt, I did not work with him directly, but I did work on a couple of projects with him and enjoyed chatting with him from time to time. As many others have said, he was the kindest, most honorable person you could ever meet. The photo of him on this site is exactly how I remember him--always greeting people with a warm smile. He truly enjoyed the admiration and respect of all his colleagues at BLS. I will always remember him fondly, and I am grateful to have known him. My sincere condolences to his family.*

Cathy Carroll

Cathy Carroll - February 18, 2024 at 05:59 PM

PA

“ *Padmaja A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward C. Pratt.*

Padmaja A. - January 22, 2024 at 12:30 PM

PA

“ *My deepest condolences and sincere prayers to Mr. Pratt's family. I am inspired by Mr. Pratt's energy, and for his smile and kind words whenever I meet him in the BLS hallways.*

Padma - January 22, 2024 at 12:14 PM

TW

“ *Margaret,*

You and your family have my deepest sympathy.

Love,

Thalia Williams

Thalia Williams - January 21, 2024 at 08:05 PM

TF

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Pratt was such a good man. Like Abe mentioned below, I got to know Mr. Pratt through softball, and he was always such a gentleman. I, too, remember how competitive he could be, though. :-)* Wherever you saw Mr. Pratt, on the field or just in the hallways, he always greeted you with kind words and a smile. He always made you feel good about yourself. It was just his way. His presence will be missed, but his spirit lives on. God bless.

Tom Funciello

Tom Funciello - January 20, 2024 at 10:38 AM

TF

“ *Thomas F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward C. Pratt.*

Thomas F. - January 20, 2024 at 10:33 AM

“ I had the true privilege of being Ed Pratt's coworker at the BLS for the last 21 years of my career. Ed was always a hard-working dedicated professional who treated everyone with great respect -- whether they earned it or not (most deserved it, we worked with great people.)

His team's computer systems fed tons of important CPI data in my team's computer systems so there were many issues over those years but I never, never remember him getting angry, flustered or refusing to help fix a problem, regardless of whose systems had the problem. I always had tremendous respect for Mr. Pratt (or Ed as his peers were allowed to call him. However, I was always amazed at how many people he knew and how many respectfully called him Mr. Pratt.) I regret I didn't tell him how much I respected him before I retired in late 2018.

We worked together well and were what I think of as "work friends" rather than personal friends. But once in a while we would talk one-on-one about our lives and careers. Two stories he told me particularly stuck with me. I hope I don't violate his wishes by sharing them here. He told both stories very calmly, without bitterness or any sense of bragging. I just got the sense that at some level he accepted that they were evidence of how people and the world were.

First, after his time in the Air Force, Ed started his long service at BLS (in 1956, I believe) at the bottom of the payroll system as a GS-1 mail clerk. He'd spend his day hand delivering office mail to all the BLS offices. The commissioner at the time (I don't his name, I was still in grade school) would always say "Good morning" and ask Ed how he was doing. Sometimes he would say "Mr. Pratt, if there is ever anything I can do for you, let me know." Ed told me he'd always reply "Sure, please find me a better job." Eventually, he did send Ed to interview for a better job (a GS-2 or GS-3, I think) and Ed started his way up.

Second, Ed was in the Air Force during the Korean War (right after he finished high school in DC, I think. One night, at his camp in the US someone did something against the rules. The NCOs didn't know who did it but Ed's NCO didn't like Ed (mostly because of his skin color,) and confronted Ed about it. Ed told him honestly that he didn't have anything to do with the incident but the Sargent didn't believe him. The next morning, Ed was on a plane to Okinawa to serve as a crew member on a B-29 flying bombing missions over enemy territory. At the time, Russian MIGs were shooting down a lot of those B-29s. Fortunately, not one Ed was on. Ed mentioned that he was the only person from his unit at that US base that saw any combat in Korea.

One final thing I'd like to say: Ed put a lie to the idea that people's ability to do great work declines as they age. When I started working with Ed in August 1997, he was about 64 years old. But he got better every year over the next 21 that I was lucky to work alongside him -- a better manager, a better computer systems analyst, a better negotiator and better in every aspect of his job that I saw. He was a tremendous person. I will miss him.

Gary McMullin

Gary McMullin - January 19, 2024 at 11:39 PM

JP

“ To the family of Edward C. Pratt,
I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Mr. Pratt for many years at the BLS and he mentored me when I first became a branch manager. Not only did I learn a lot from him regarding work but also about life in general. Mr. Pratt was a very special person and I pray that your memories of him help to give you comfort now and in the days ahead.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Joyce Parrish*

Joyce Parrish - January 19, 2024 at 02:08 PM

CL

“ Charles & Linda Little planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward C. Pratt.

Charles & Linda Little - January 19, 2024 at 01:45 PM

CL

“ Charles & Linda Little purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward C. Pratt.



Charles & Linda Little - January 19, 2024 at 01:45 PM

OM

“ OTSP Management purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edward C. Pratt.



OTSP Management - January 18, 2024 at 12:42 PM

MM

“ My sincerest condolences to the Family and Friends of Mr. Edward C. Pratt. I worked at BLS with Mr. Pratt and to know him was to love him. He always greeted you with a smile and a kind word. I was always inspired by his energy and zest for life. He would walk from the garage to his office on the 5th floor each day while those of us who were his junior waited for the elevator. (LOL). Mr. Pratt was a DOL/BLS legend and will be remembered as such. Respectfully,
Michelle Milling

Michelle Milling - January 18, 2024 at 10:54 AM

CT

“ C&S/TPOPS Team (Mr.Pratt's team) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward C. Pratt.

C&S/TPOPS Team (Mr.Pratt's team) - January 17, 2024 at 05:07 PM

CT

“ C&S/TPOPS Team (Mr.Pratt's team) purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Edward C. Pratt.



C&S/TPOPS Team (Mr.Pratt's team) - January 17, 2024 at 05:07 PM

JG

“ John G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward C. Pratt.

John G. - January 17, 2024 at 04:17 PM

RC

“ Rob C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward C. Pratt.

Rob C. - January 17, 2024 at 01:15 PM

CM

“ CPCS Management purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Edward C. Pratt.



CPCS Management - January 17, 2024 at 10:11 AM

EJ

“ I remember in the early 1960s when my father bought me my first kite and we went out on a beautiful spring day in March to teach me how to navigate the kite in windy conditions, helping him wash and wax his car under the new Southwest freeway, bringing home gingerbread from the bakery across from the Marines Barracks on 8th street and coaching our little league baseball team (St Teresa's vs Saint Margaret's in 1968.

Edward C Pratt Jr.

Edward Pratt Jr. - January 16, 2024 at 06:31 PM

DG

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Pratt's passing. BLS employee for many years. A true scholar and gentleman.

debbie gale - January 13, 2024 at 03:15 PM

CB

“ Claudell was always a joy to be around. My condolences to the Pratt family, our close and dear relative whom we love so and already miss. An angel on earth is now another angel in heaven.



Carolyn Medley Bracey - January 13, 2024 at 01:38 PM

PL

“ Coach Pratt in his glory accepting trophy on behalf of BLS Labor Pains softball team from Secretary of Labor Lynn Martin...like Ed, this pic of him with the team is priceless! May he rest in peace †
Paul Liegey BLS coworker



Paul Liegey - January 12, 2024 at 06:28 PM

AB

“ To the family of Mr. Edward Pratt

My deepest sympathies for the loss of Coach Pratt!

I always addressed Mr. Pratt, as Coach Pratt. I first met Coach Pratt about 30 years ago in the hallways of BLS. We struck up a conversation about life and the next thing he said, do you play softball. I joined his team, Aches and Pains, the year after they won the championship. At the time I just thought the Saturday softball games at Haynes Point were just a hangout, a social gathering, and a nice fellowship. Wow was I ever wrong! This league was very competitive, and Coach Pratt did not take any stuff or backdown from anyone. There was the working side of Coach Pratt and there was the competitive softball side. As a young whipper snapper, I remembered challenging coach Pratt on being more aggressive on the bases. Coach Pratt calmly pulled me to the side and said Abe, I got this.... you can always find a new team. I never challenged him again!

Prior to the start of the pandemic, I would see Coach Pratt in the Hallways of the Postal Square Building, we would always stop and acknowledge each other and just have a conversation about life. What I remembered is that we talked about anything and all things, they were no judgements!

Family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Coach Pratt. I will always remember Coach Pratt as a good friend, a man with a kind and gentle heart and someone that I looked up to.

May he rest in Power! 🕊️ 🙏 🙏 🙏

Abraham L. Broomes

Abraham Broomes - January 12, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Edward C. Pratt.



January 11, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ *Joyce Parrish (BLS co-worker) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward C. Pratt.*

Joyce Parrish (BLS co-worker) - January 11, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ *Mr Pratt was an anomaly! I used to see him every now and then in the Safeway in Fort Washington just as vibrant as he was in the PSB. I often wondered how someone could work longer than I was alive and at the time, I was 50! He was a true gentle man and I was proud to tell people about him and his longevity. Praying for his family...SIP Mr Pratt!!*

Marina Akers-Epps - January 11, 2024 at 02:09 PM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 11, 2024 at 12:52 PM