



SAM PRIOLEAU SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sam Prioleau, one of Bethpage's finest, recently passed away. It was a hard loss for many in this community.

Sam left his mark on many of us. Who could ever forget his big laugh, his gigantic hands being slapped on your chest and his phrases, "*Let your light so shine*" and "*Where's your intestinal fortitude*", among others that can't be printed.

My wife and I were going to visit Sam and present him with his retired jersey, play some golf and catch up on things when his wife Audrey called to say Sam was in the hospital. Sadly, we didn't get to see him before he passed.

In honor of Sam, I have set up the Sam Prioleau Scholarship Fund, to be awarded each year to a varsity baseball player. In addition, our new dugouts will be named in his honor and a plaque will be placed in the school. Sam was very happy to learn of this, which had been approved by the school last year.

I'd like to thank all those who have supported my efforts and have spread the word of this scholarship, including Richie Szczesny, Fred Paola, Kim Rhatigan, John Coumatos, Terry Clark, John Franchi, Ron Abatelli, Rob Fisher and Bennett Resnick. I thank all of you!

Those wishing to help us raise the money for the fund and honoring Sam, please send a check or money order, made payable to Bethpage UFSD – Sam Prioleau Fund, to the address below.

Bethpage UFSD – Sam Prioleau Fund
c/o Christian Byrnes
2 Halycon Road
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Thank you for your support.

Christian Byrnes