

Chance Encounter

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By the way, I saw Jake today at Dupont. I was talking with a mother of a teen patient and he was sitting next to her and had a mask on while both of us were unaware of who each of us were at the time until I told the lady my name. Jake, still not sure who I was until that moment, asked for my business card and when I said that I didn't have one on me, he went on to ask, did you go to Millville High and is your nickname The Boatman, I was shocked! I said, who are you? Yes, I'm the Boatman, how did you know that? He said, I'm the Sheet man, pulled his mask off and hilariously I said, JAKE!!

We talked for almost an hour before I had to get back to work. It was great, the mother of the teen patient was his daughter and the patient, his grandson. We did the Alpha handshake. It was so good to see him as we are also old Cheyney football teammates. He talked about how Alpha supported him so much while he was in the hospital with COVID, all of the calls and cards, and how Alpha helped him get through Cheyney, mentioned you and Carey and Mort, Al Coleman, and Threadgill. Just wanted to share brother. This happened today.

Ray (Boatman) Hendricks – Delta Pi, Fall '69

Douglas (Jake) (Sheet man) Royal – Delta Pi, Fall '70