



## Willie R. Price Jr.

May 8, 1953 - September 29, 2021

Willie Ray Price, Jr was born in McKinney, Texas on May 8, 1953, to Willie Ray Price, Sr. and Helen Catherine (Thomas) Price. He departed this life on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at the age of 68.

Willie's father was in the Army, so his childhood was spent in Texas, Kansas, Germany, Colorado, California and Georgia. When his father retired from the Army in 1966, they made their move to Muskogee, OK. He graduated from Muskogee High School in 1971 and went on to obtain his Bachelor's Degree in Offset Printing Technology from Pittsburg State University in 1974. In 1975, he accepted a job with Muskogee Public Schools as an assistant in the print shop where he continued to teach that program until it was discontinued. In 2000, when the printing program was discontinued, he started a new program to teach IBM and A+ certifications. He built that program from the ground up and often had a waiting list to enroll. He loved his students, and they were the light of his life. He would often hold pool parties during the summer for his students and loved getting them together for fun times. During his time teaching, he went back to school at Oklahoma State University and obtained his Master's Degree in Secondary Education. He also participated in many programs outside of the classroom including Key Club, Robotics Program, Negotiations Team as the Chief Negotiator and the Department Head for the Technology Department. Over the 39 years of teaching at Muskogee High School, Willie made such an amazing impact on thousands of students. Willie met the love of his life, Polly Willett, in the fall of 1984. They wed on July

12, 1985, and shared 36 wonderful years of marriage. One year and 3 days after they wed, they welcomed their first child, Amber. They welcomed their second child, Christopher on October 28, 1988.

In May 2014, Willie made the decision to retire from teaching, and freely chose to be paid in hugs and kisses by keeping his first grandchild, Jade. Family time meant more than anything to him. He was eager to invite the whole family over to eat great food and swim in the pool. He enjoyed nothing more than spending all his free moments with his kids, grandkids and family. Willie spent many hours serving at Eastern Heights Baptist Church where he has been a member for many years. He served as Trustee, Finance Committee Chairman, Personnel Committee Chairman, and served on the Committee on Committees. He also assisted his wife Polly, in starting the backpack program and ran the sound and video for many years.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents Willie Ray Price, Sr. and Helen Catherine Price, his mother-in-law Polly Willett, his stepmother Sherry Price and his great-niece Lauren Price.

Willie is survived by his wife, Polly, of the home; his children, Amber Crall and husband Shawn of Fort Gibson, OK, and his son Christopher Price and wife Jennie of Tulsa, OK; grandchildren Jade Crall, Easton Price and Westley Price; brother David Price and wife Mona; sisters, Kathie Lipe and Joyce Rowland; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and a very large host of friends.

Open visitation will be at Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1830 N York St, Muskogee, OK 74403, on October 4, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The family will welcome friends from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Willie will be remembered at a Celebration of Life service at Eastern Heights Baptist Church in Muskogee, OK on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Bro. Darren Wallace & Steve Wasson will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Christopher Price, Shawn Crall, Jeremy Holmes, Mike Price, Nicholas Price, Thomas Price and Drew Crawford. Honorary pallbearers are Jeff Kent, Gene Madding, Bruce Ragsdale, Malcolm Mebane,

Brandon Price, Jason Price and Jason Kunkle.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Lake Area United Way for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library book program. Donations can be made online at [www.lakeareaunitedway.org](http://www.lakeareaunitedway.org) or checks can be mailed to PO Box 1612, Muskogee, OK 74402.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Family to greet friends

OCT 4. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Service

OCT 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Eastern Heights Baptist Church  
2401 Haskell Blvd.  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willie R. Price Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *When I was young we would go to Aunt Cat's house in Muskogee and spend the weekend. Willie would always include me in goin to the movies or anything he was doing. I was a little cousin from Texas that he didn't see very often, but he always made me feel at home with him. You will be missed everyday cousin.*

*Tommy Thomas (Cousin)*

**Tommy Thomas** - October 27, 2021 at 09:03 PM



“ *I am flooded with so many memories of my time with Uncle Willie. From working in the print shop with him to big family gathering with yummy food. He has taught me so much! I didn't come see him nearly enough but I will cherish my memories of him and my time with him.*

*Uncle Willie, I love you! You left a legacy and you have a wonderful family to carry that legacy on.*



**Angie Mebane (Niece)** - October 05, 2021 at 12:49 PM

GL

*Polly, Amber, Christopher, and families, I want to send my deepest condolences to you all. I'm so very sorry for this heartache you're going through. I can't imagine how hard this is. Please know I've had you in my prayers for the Lord God to give you strength and peace. A verse that comes to mind is Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He Who promised is faithful." Continued prayers during this terribly rough time. Geri Lawrence*

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**Geri Lawrence** - October 06, 2021 at 07:49 AM

KP

*“Darrell, Jason, Brandon and I have so many fond memories of Willie back in the day visiting together back-and-forth from Texas to Oklahoma. He was a wonderful role model to both our boys, and he was like a little brother to me and Darrell. He was one of the most caring and compassionate people i've ever known. He was very humble, and his family and his Lord was the most important things to him. He lived his life with a wonderful example of what a Christian should be. Although Willie was a smart man he would never call attention to himself, he wasn't one to brag about himself. Now he might brag on his kids and grandkids, but that's a good thing. Polly, Amber, Chris, grandkids, David, Kathie and Joyce, what a wonderful legacy he leaves for all to remember! We will always have those sweet memories to look back on and reminisce forever. We love you all! Though we are not there to share this special day with y'all, We are there in spirit, in our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless you during this time of loss, and much love to you all. Love, Darrell, Karen, Jason and Brandon.*

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**karen and Darrell Price** - October 05, 2021 at 12:27 AM

J(

“ Joyce Rowland (sister)💕 lit a candle in memory of Willie R. Price Jr.



Joyce Rowland (sister)👤 - October 04, 2021 at 09:51 AM

K(

“ Shared this on our picture but wanted it on his tribute wall. My brother Willie, was an amazing brother, husband, father, son in law, teacher and friend to many. I have seen through his home going just how admired, respected and loved he truly was. He has always loved kids, as far back as I can remember. He was like a father and mentor to my girls. He was very stern, but could be very loving and compassionate. I have heard Polly and his kids say “You either loved him or hated him.” I’m thankful for him and a life well lived. He fought long and hard, he will truly be missed! I love you Willie, thanks for being a stable and consistent part of my life for 66 years!

Kathie Lipe (sister) - October 04, 2021 at 09:33 AM

K(

“ Kathie Lipe (sister) lit a candle in memory of Willie R. Price Jr.



kathie lipe (sister) - October 04, 2021 at 01:08 AM



“ Thanks Mr Price for introducing me into the world of I.T. I wouldn't have the career I have today if not for the things I learned in your class. You put up with alot of us from the 2004-2007 era,and always had a good sense of humor about it. Even though we probably got on your nerves sometimes, you always had a soft spot for your students.Prayers for your family, thanks for the knowledge you imparted to me and others!



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**Colin Satterfield** - October 02, 2021 at 06:10 PM

DB

“ Prayers for the family 🙏🙏🙏

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**Dianna Boyd** - October 01, 2021 at 07:02 PM

JG

“ The Price family was always there for me when I was young. I remember at about 8-9 years old his son invited me to go ice skating with him and their church. They don't know that I seen this, but Willie pulled whoever was handling the money to pay our way in aside and paid my way in, but not to let my mom know. That might not sound like much, but to let a poor kid like me join and be involved and not feel bad about once again being too broke or being offered a hand out taught me what generosity is. Once high school came about I enrolled in every course of his I could. During these troubling times he gave me something to focus on, discipline, and taught me the troubleshooting and critical thinking skills I use daily in my field of work. I will never forget the BBQs, sleep overs, and movie nights nor the life lessons he taught me. As one of the few men I would have shaken hands with and said thank you and for a majority of my youth and adolescent years called dad, you will be missed Willie and thank you.

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**John Goad** - October 01, 2021 at 06:39 PM

MB

*Kathie , you are in my prayers, I know it must be so hard to loose your brother.*

*He was a well thought of as a Christian & A Man , and most of all a fantastic brother . Just wanted you to know I was thinking of you and your family .*

*God Bless 🙏*

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**Mitzie Abel Burk** - October 05, 2021 at 01:42 AM



“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*

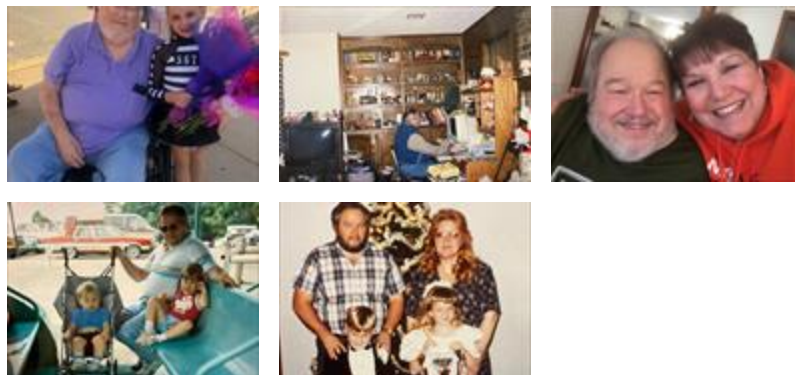


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**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - October 01, 2021 at 05:03 PM

AC

“ 12 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Amber Crall** - October 01, 2021 at 03:39 PM

TA

“ Tom & Janell Arndt lit a candle in memory of Willie R. Price Jr.



Tom & Janell Arndt - October 01, 2021 at 03:23 PM

TA

“ Tom And Janell Arndt lit a candle in memory of Willie R. Price Jr.



Tom and Janell Arndt - October 01, 2021 at 03:23 PM

JA

“ Janell Arndt lit a candle in memory of Willie R. Price Jr.



Janell Arndt - October 01, 2021 at 03:21 PM

DJ

“ Willie was a huge shaping force in my life. His impact on me as a teacher, supervisor, and friend helped guide me not just in my career path, but in how to build up and support others around me. I am constantly grateful for the relationship we had and what he taught me.

David Johnson - October 01, 2021 at 02:08 PM

KY

“ *Willie was a formidable force to be reckoned with and a hoot to be around. Big teddy bear of a man. I know he will be missed greatly.*

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**Kathy Yarberry** - October 01, 2021 at 11:17 AM

DB

“ *Dianna Boyd lit a candle in memory of Willie R. Price Jr.*



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**Dianna Boyd** - October 01, 2021 at 09:55 AM