

*Celebrating the Life, Love, and Legacy  
of  
Willie Price*



*Sunrise  
October 9, 1937*

*Sunset  
July 20, 2022*

*~ Funeral Service ~  
Saturday, August 6, 2022 @ 11 a.m.  
Jarvis Christian University Chapel  
Hawkins, Texas  
Dr. Ben Foster, Sr., Eulogist  
Brother Uris Roberson, Jr., Officiate*



## Obituary

Willie Price was born on October 9, 1937, in Shelby County (Center), Texas, to the union of Mary Liza (Hill) Price and Purvis Price. He was the second of eleven children, having six brothers and five sisters. Willie accepted Christ at an early age (12 years old). He was a member of the Church of Christ for over 73 years. He later became a member at East Side Church of Christ in Hawkins, Texas, where he also served as an Elder, deacon, and assistant minister. He was a son of God, a joint heir with Jesus Christ.

Willie attended elementary and high school at C. H. Daniels High School in Center, Texas. He participated in many activities during his attendance in this school, which included music, debate, and sports. He held several offices while in school. He also won many awards in singing and in the inter-scholastic league activities.

The Price's son had a lot of friends. Many people liked to be in his presence. He was the type of person who believed in the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Their son was dutiful about helping out where he could be of good service to someone.

Willie had a lot of hobbies. He liked to bowl, fish, ride horses, attend movies, do woodwork, sing, read, and play. He believed that if anything was of real value in life, it would require hard work and sacrifice before it could become one's own.

After graduation, Willie attended Jarvis Christian College, located in Hawkins, Texas. He majored in Business Education and minored in Social Science. He was interested in the fields of music and religion. He attended the college for four years, graduating in 1962. He was a good student, earning 75% of his financial aid by working as a farm hand, machine operator, foreman, manager of poultry, dairyman, chauffeur, and college bookstore manager and mail/inventory clerk. He worked for Jarvis Christian College bookstore for over 17 years.

While attending Jarvis, he became a member of several organizations and clubs, which included The Future Business Leaders Club, Student National Education Association, Deacon Club, Young Men Christian Association, and Full Time Christian Service. He also held several offices, including treasurer of the senior class, president and vice president of the business club, business manager of the junior class, and chaplain of the student council.

*Willie was inducted into the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in November of 1971, and has been a member of the Marshall, Texas, Alumni chapter for over 50 years. He furthered his education at the Institute of Biblical Studies of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. He also had conferred on him the 33rd Degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, an honor bestowed for outstanding service to the Mason brotherhood.*

*Willie married Karen Jean Cartwright in February of 1962. The couple was blessed with three sons, Victor, Walter, and Kirk. Willie also had one daughter, Selena.*

*Willie was an entrepreneur and led his family into several business operations. Among their many business ventures were Price's Rental Bike Service (sales and repair shop), Price's Psychedelic Shack, Price's Rental Houses, Price's House Rental Service (cars and trucks), Price Cleaning Service, and Price Savage Business. In 1997, Willie came out of retirement for a short time to work at a private company, Siebur Lumber Company, as cashier/salesclerk. He continued to run Price Cleaning Service and Price Savage Business on the side.*

*Willie was a strong advocate for Christian education and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). He worked at and financially supported Jarvis Christian University in Hawkins, Texas, and financially supported Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas.*

*Willie is preceded in death by his parents: Purvis Price, Mary Liza Price, and Johnnie Price; son Victor Arnez Price; sister Jessie Mae Price; and brothers Ralph Earl Price and Anthony Lee Price.*

*Left to cherish Willie's memory are his two sons, Dr. Walter Price of Terrell, Texas, and Kirk Lamar Price of Hawkins, Texas; one daughter, Selena Price of Tyler, Texas; sisters Iva Nell "Cookie" (James) Kindle of Dallas, Texas, Manetta "Nita" Miller of Mesquite, Texas, Elizabeth "Kay" (Thomas) Gulley of Cedar Hill, Texas, and Margie Nell (Jackson) Jackson of Denver, Colorado; brothers Curtis A. (Geraldine) Price of Center, Texas, Claudell Price of Stockbridge, Georgia, and Freddie Price of Panama City Beach, Florida; five grandchildren: Jazmine Price, Jamaal Price, Jada Price, George Price, and Justice Price; five great-grandchildren: George Abdul-Lamar Price, Jr., Aniyah Price, Seyanna Michelle Price, Jahlil Prince Lynden Price, and Lilyanna Lynee' Francis Price; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.*

# *The Order of Celebration*

Dr. Ben Foster, Sr., Eulogist  
Brother Uris Roberson, Jr., Officiate

Processional.....Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family

Song of Comfort.....J. L. Chapman  
"Mansion, Robe and Crown"

Scriptures of Comfort:  
Old Testament – Psalm 119:105 (Deuteronomy 5:5-7; Job 1:20-22)..... Kirk Price (son)  
New Testament – 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (2 Timothy 2:15; Mark 13:31-37; Hebrews 4:12-13;  
2 Timothy 4:7-8).....Dr. Walter Price (son)

Prayer of Comfort..... Tommy Taylor

Song of Comfort..... J. L. Chapman  
"I'll be a Friend to Jesus"

Poetry Words of Comfort.....Kay Gulley (sister)  
"Heaven's Grocery Store"

Remembrance / Remarks.....*Please limit to 2 minutes*

Poetry Words of Comfort.....Selena Price (daughter)  
"No Tears in Heaven"

Reflections of His Life.....*Read Silently*

Family Acknowledgement & Thank You.....Dr. Walter Price & Family

Song of Comfort.....J. L. Chapman  
"Victory in Jesus"

Words of Comfort.....Dr. Ben Foster, Sr., Minister

Parting View.....Bigam Mortuary Staff  
*Please wait to greet the family after the service.*

Closing Prayer..... Melvin Rutherford

Recessional..... .Bigam Mortuary Staff

*Mr. Willie Price will be laid to rest at the Jarvis Christian University Pioneer Cemetery*

Repat will be provided by East Side Church of Christ of Hawkins, Texas, following the gravesite, and served on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Smith Howard Chapel Fellowship Hall at Jarvis Christian University.

## 10 Things Scripture Says about Being a Father

1. *Be your child's "First Teacher" (Proverbs 22:6)*  
*It's our responsibility to "train up a child in the way he/she should go." Not the school, not the government, but you—and that means dad.*
2. *Dads need to exemplify a good life (2 Corinthians 3:2-3)*  
*Scripture teaches that who we are and how we live is like a "letter from God." Our kids read that letter, every day.*
3. *Provide for your family (1 Timothy 5:8)*  
*For those of you struggling to find work don't get down on yourself. This idea is more about your heart and desire. Being a father who provides covers much more than rent and food. As dads, it's our responsibility to make sure our family's needs are addressed across the board. Be encouraged and look for ways to give to your family even when it is hard to financially.*
4. *Good dads discipline their children (Proverbs 13:24)*  
*The one who loves their children, Scripture says, "is careful to discipline them." This is also about proactive leadership in our homes.*
5. *Dads spend time with their children, and it's not empty time (Deut. 6: 6-9)*  
*The Scriptures are clear that dads must engage their children in the kind of deep, heart-to-heart conversations that impart more than facts, but teach wisdom. Schedule some regular "conversational walks" with your children, one on one....Family time that counts.*
6. *Compassion is a "dad" characteristic*  
*A father has compassion for his children. Psalm 103:13 points out, "so the LORD has compassion."*
7. *"Put your money where your mouth is"*  
*Well, not in those exact words. But James 1:22 instructs us to not only be "hearers" of God's word but "doers" also.*

8. *Don't provoke your children (Ephesians 6:4)*

*The alternative, the Scripture suggests, is to raise them to be young people of faith. "Children who know that their dads pray for them every day own a deep sense of love and security."*

9. *Dads never give up on their kids*

*The story of "The Prodigal Son" (Luke 15:20-24) is the story of a father who never gives up hope and is ready to receive his child back with open arms. We can discipline, we can hold accountable, but we must never give up.*

10. *Dads pray for their children (1 Chronicles 29:19)*

*King David prayed for his son, Solomon. Children who know without any doubt that their dads pray for them every day own a deep sense of love and security.*

*When a virtuous man is raised, it brings gladness to his friends, grief to his enemies, and glory to his posterity.*

*~ Ben Jonson ~*

## The "Proverbs 32 Man"

By Ben Legend

1. *A VIRTUOUS MAN IS A GODLY MAN:* with the likes of David, Joseph, Job, and Paul, they were all godly in their ways. A godly man confesses with his tongue that Jesus is the savior and that Jesus is the son of God. A godly man wholeheartedly admits he is nothing without Jesus. He believes that Jesus was raised from the dead so we might be saved (Romans 10:9). With this we tend to receive the Holy Spirit which separates him from the world (1 Corinthians 2:12).
2. *INTEGRITY:* faithfulness to moral principles and honesty is what integrity entails. Integrity involves giving your word and keeping it (Exodus 8:28-32). It is highly important we acknowledge that honesty keeps a relationship with God, friends and family going. Proverbs 20:6-7 says, "who can find a faithful man? The just man walks in his integrity...." Even when David committed adultery, he still acknowledges integrity (2 Samuel 12:1-2).
3. *MAN OF FAITH:* A virtuous man will always be patient enough and wait on God. A man of faith always enjoys rewards from God. God appreciates those who will stand by him. The Bible made us to understand that whosoever has faith in him will be blessed, inherit the earth, be saved, renew his strength and receive the glorious things God had provided. Job went through many trials and tribulations but still kept his faith in God (Job 19:23-29).
4. *LEADERSHIP:* Ephesians 5:23-24 describes the man as the leader of his household. A virtuous man takes the steps of Jesus (leader of the church) and be the spiritual leader of his household. He also avoids overdoing the leadership role by not ordering his wife around and engaging in domestic violence. For Genesis 2:21-24 reveals to us that she was made from the side of his rib and not from the bottom. A good leader respects his wife.
5. *HE LIVES A PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE:* A virtuous man knows why he was created because he had sorted for his purpose of living from his creator (God). He knows he was created and chosen to be more than a womanizer, weed smoker, drug user and all sort of ungodly things. He flees from youthful lust and surrenders to God all the time.



*Willie Price Photos*





*Family*









CHILDREN +  
GRAND CHILDREN



*Parents*



*Siblings*







*Church*



Jarvis Christian College



# Jarvis Christian College

Hawkins



Texas

has admitted

**Willie Price**

to the degree of

Bachelor of Science in Education

and all the privileges and obligations therewith appertaining and in witness thereof have authorized the issuance of this diploma duly signed and sealed

Issued at Jarvis Christian College at Hawkins, Texas,

this twenty-seventh day of May, Nineteen hundred sixty-two.

  
Chairman of Trustees

  
President

  
Dean

  
Registrar

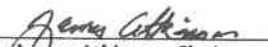
**JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**  
**COMMEMORATIVE DIPLOMA CELEBRATING THE**  
**50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR SINCE COMPLETION**  
**OF THE**  
**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE**


*Presented to*

**Willie Price**

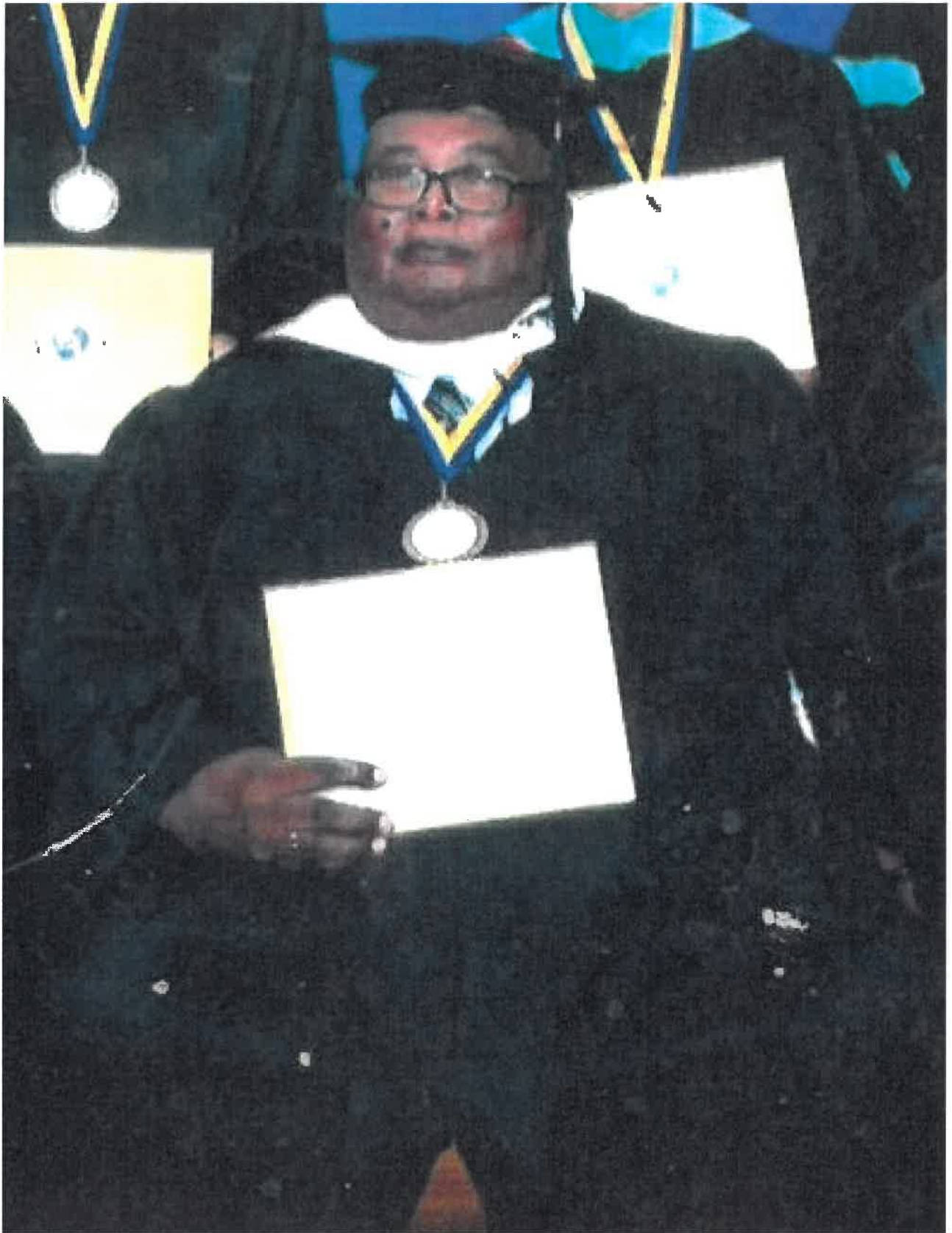
*In witness whereof the signatures of the duly authorized officers have been  
inscribed and the seal of the College affixed*

*Given in Hawkins, Texas on this Fifth day of May, 2012*

  
James Atkinson, Chair,  
Board of Trustees

  
Lester C. Newman, Ph.D.  
President






Misc.



C. H. Daniels

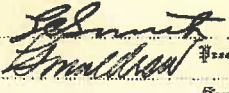
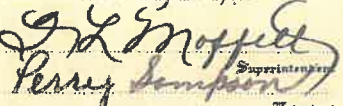
# High School



**Willie Price**  
has satisfactorily completed the Course of Study prescribed by the Board of Education  
for the High School Department and is therefore entitled to this

## Diploma

In Testimony Whereof, we have hereunto affixed our signatures  
this 27 day of May 1957 at Center, Texas

 Samuel Smallman <small>President</small>	 Perry Sampson <small>Principal</small>
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## *The Family's Acknowledgment of Gratitude*

Walter L. Price, Kirk Price, Selena Price, and the entire family would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the love showered upon us during this transition and very difficult time. Whether it was a card, flowers, phone calls, visits, food, or, most importantly, your prayers, we have been blessed. We offer special thanks to Southwestern Christian College (Terrell, Texas), and East Side Church of Christ (Hawkins, Texas) for the love and kindness you show always, but especially at this time. The goodness of the Lord has truly been demonstrated in your actions. May He continue to bless you as you have blessed us. Additional thanks go to: Dr. Lester C. Newman (Jarvis Christian University President), Dr. Ervin Seamster (Southwestern Christian College President), Tracy Gray, Meals on Wheels Ministry, Aspire, Longview Regional Hospital, Chaplain Sedarie Dinkins (JCU), Chris Watkins (JCU), Chris and Gwen Jeffery, Dr. Barry Graham, Lorenzo House, Dr. Deborah Hodridge, Brother Uris Roberson (East Side Church of Christ Minister), David Manson, J. L. Chapman, Phebe Else (JCU), Dr. Ben Foster, Sr., Bigham Mortuary and Mr. Vince Williams, Ms. Mary Morgan, Mr. Claudell Price, Mrs. Margie Nell Jackson, and Kerry Smith, William Hampton and Gwen Winter (JCU Office of Institutional Advancement and Development).

### *Bearers of the Bier*

Walter Price • Kirk Price • Jamaal Price • Andre Malone, Sr.  
George Price • Robert Miller • Claudell Price

### *Honorary Bearers of the Bier*

Ernest Haynie • Marcus Davis • David Manson • John Manson • Hamp Manson • John Toliver  
Samuel (Simmie) Michael Manson • Ken Morgan • Derrick Morgan • Eric Robinson • Zeb Strong, Jr.  
Rickey Rutherford • James Kindle • Curtis Price • Keith Price • Mark Wofford • C. A. Davis  
Lee Roy • Michael Rutherford • Tommie Taylor • Brother Overstreet • James Davis  
Kenneth Gregory • Lawrence Harper • Gabel Lennon • Barry Walton • Little Willie • Big John

### *Flower Bearers*

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Marshall, TX Chapter  
Jefferson High School Class of 1981 and Friends

### *Psalm 121 - A Song of Ascents*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip - He who watches over you will not slumber;  
indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you - the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm - He will watch over your life;  
the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forever more.



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