

Joseph Lee Price Jr., 61, of Morganton, passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. Born July 8, 1964, in Burke County, Joseph's life was marked by steady work, deep faith, and a spirit that loved to encourage others.

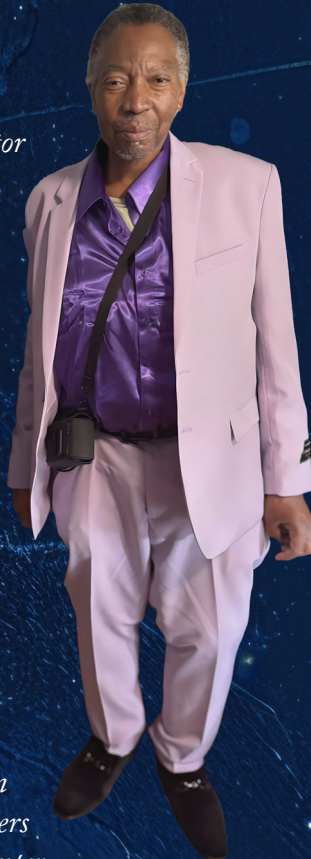
Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Lee Price Sr. and Lillian Corpening Price, sister Emma Jean Happoldt, sister-in-law Betty Happoldt and by his beloved wife, Peggy Surratt. Though he carried loss, he also carried purpose—showing up for the people and places that mattered most.

Educated in the Burke County School System, Joseph spent many years working at Breeden's, now known as the Case Farms chicken plant. He was known as someone who did his job faithfully, day in and day out, with the kind of consistency you could count on.

More than anything, Joseph was a man of the church. A faithful member of Little Rock A.M.E. Church in Collettsville, he served under the leadership of his pastor and friend, Rev. Audrey Gwynn. Joseph didn't just attend—he participated. He ushered, sang in the choir, played the tambourine, and never missed an opportunity to share his testimony. His praise was heartfelt, his presence was steady, and his words often lifted someone who needed it.

Joseph leaves behind those who will cherish his memory, including his bonus son, Marcus Surratt; his brother, William Happoldt; nieces Alisha Patterson (Romey), Elisha Lewis, and Monica Bellamy; nephews Antwan Happoldt (Angela), Thomas Tapp (Jeneen), aunt Peggy and nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Joseph Lee Price Jr. will be remembered for his faith in action—serving, singing, testifying, and showing others what it looks like to keep going with God at the center.



SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: 3:00PM

Gaston Chapel A.M.E. Church

100 Bouchelle Street • Morganton, NC 28655

Presiding: Rev. Audrey Gwynn

Eulogist: Pastor Benjamin Douglas Cuthbertson

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional..... Clergy & Family
 Receiving of Friends..... 2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.
 The Parting View Funeral Director In Charge
 Call to Worship Rev. Audrey Gwynn
 Prayer of Comfort Deacon Kenneth June

Opening Hymn

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament..... Pastor Tammy Wakefield
 New Testament..... Bro. Daniel Corpening

Musical Selection..... Carl Hardison & Edna Vaughn

Memorial Tributes

Freedom High School Class of 1983 Ms. Betsy Forney
 Family and Friends..... 2 mins please

Obituary Read Silently
 Church Resolution..... Rev. Audrey Gwynn

Musical Selection..... Carl Hardison & Edna Vaughn

Eulogy .Pastor Benjamin Douglas Cuthbertson, Honoring God Ministries

Mortician's Brief.....McCain Funeral Home & Cremations, LLC

Recessional

INTERMENT

Burke Memorial Park

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*Lovingly Submitted,
The family of the late Mr. Joseph Lee Price Jr.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family would like to express their profound and heartfelt gratitude for every act of love and kindness extended to them during this time of pain and deep sorrow. Names of family, friends and colleagues are too numerous to mention. May God bless you all.

FLORAL BEARERS

Nieces

CASKET BEARERS

Nephews

PROFESSIONAL ARRANGEMENTS



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IN LOVING MEMORY



Joseph Lee
PRICE JR.

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Always loved never forgotten