



Joel Eugene Price

March 5, 1939 - June 19, 2019

Joel Eugene Price, 80, Born March 5th, 1939 to Robert “Gene” and Dorothy Price in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Jesus called Jay home unexpectedly on June 19th, 2019. He is survived by his daughter, Jamie (Eric); son, Joel (Ashley) and sister, Pamela. He will continue to watch over and help guide them and his six grandchildren: Megan (20), Gracie (15), Macy (14), Hudson (10), Captain (10), and Baylor (4). Jay was a graduate of Louisiana State University and served as a Captain in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. The end of his military service brought Jay to Tucson, where he met Doris in the summer of 1970. They were engaged on Valentine’s Day and married on May 14th, 1971. Jay’s days were spent on-air as a DJ and later in sales for a local country radio station. Jay’s life was spent in true and unwavering devotion to his wife, children, and grandchildren. He was known by many names – Joel in Louisiana, Jay in Arizona, JayBear to some of his radio friends. He was Dad, Daddy, Buzzy, Granddaddy, and Papa. He was a terrific father and an amazing grandfather. Jay was a Good Shepherd to all of us – teaching through example of constant prayer and a deep understanding of the Lord’s love for us all. His favorite places were San Diego, Hawaii, the White Mountains in Arizona, and any place where he could visit with his children and grandchildren. He was the very best of men, and we will miss him dearly. His sudden ascent to Heaven leaves a large hole in our lives...perhaps larger than any of us imagined. He has been an anchor through all our family’s toughest storms...quietly and lovingly guiding and helping us without fanfare or record.

Jay left Earth to reunite with his wife, Doris and so many of his family and friends. He leaves us with so many cherished and happy memories. He leaves us to go be with our Savior, Jesus in Heaven. He leaves a legacy of love and integrity.

Friends and family are welcome to attend services Sunday, June 23rd, 2019. Barrier Chapel at Casas Church.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude’s Children’s, Foster Arizona, or Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Cemetery

Evergreen Cemetery

3015 North Oracle Road
Tucson, AZ, 85705

Events

JUN **Viewing** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

23

Casas Church - Barrier Chapel

10801 N La Cholla Blvd, Oro valley, AZ, US, 85742

JUN **Chapel Service** 02:00PM

23

Casas Church - Barrier Chapel

10801 N La Cholla Blvd, Oro valley, AZ, US, 85742

Comments



“ Hey Dad-

Been a bit, but I wanted to catch you up. I know you know all this already, but this is for me...and it's helpful.

We bought a Jeep! Not a cool, Jeepy-Jeep...just a 2007 Grand Cherokee, but it's a 4wd. We needed it. When we bought that Mercedes from you, we had intended to sell the Aspen after getting Ashley her Armada, but the kids didn't want to sell the Aspen...and the gas mileage was almost a wash because of putting the 91 Octane fuel in the Mercedes. Plus...the room was really nice. So, we sold the Mercedes instead. Still needed a 4wd.

Anyway - the Jeep's a diesel! 3-litre diesel. I get 20mpg driving around up here!...so that's awesome! It's also "full-time four-wheel-drive", and it has a turbo! I really wish you could drive it! It's really neat! You would really like it! It makes that cool diesel sound (Hud and I love that!), has the cool diesel smell, and can haul like...well...a diesel! We hauled a 25', dual axle, heavy steel trailer full of chests and dressers up the mountain with that thing, and I will say that I've never had an easier time towing a trailer! According to the manual, this little engine will tow as much as the Grand Cherokee with the 5.7 Hemi!

I've been watching Monk on the Peacock app. I know you always liked that show and the books as well. It's a shame you didn't get to enjoy nonstop Monk. I think you would have really liked that.

Well, all three of the kids love their new school(s). All three are enrolled in the Blue Ridge district and they are all doing really well! Baylor really likes his new teacher and he's making new friends. He never has trouble with that. Huddy likes his teachers as well...and they all seem to like him as well. He's making all As and Bs right now and seems to be enjoying keeping up with the work. As always...he's had no trouble making friends. Gracie was the surprise! She is having a wonderful time! Making friends, getting her usual great grades, helping with the yearbook...and it's only been a couple of weeks. God has really done a wonderous thing for this little family.

The best part of The Lazy Trout is that I get to work with my family all the time. Now my days are spent at about 80/20 family:other. I love it! We watch shows together, eat together, cook together, and even when I go to work, I am with Ashley or Gracie, or Hud, or Bay, or all of them, or...whatever! It's what I always wanted, but I never knew I wanted it...and I CERTAINLY didn't know I could ever achieve it! Thank you for that! The way you lived your life made this life for my family possible. I intend to carry that on.

We sell a few different fire starters at The Trout. One particular type comes in a big, square, plastic bucket with a snap-on lid and a bail. We use the bucket to display the fire starters and throw the other one away. I said to Ashley the other day as I was throwing one away, "I know of a nice, old guy who sure would love to have these buckets when we don't need them any more! He could store all sorts of things in

them! Nuts and bolts, rags, snacks...or just nothing. Just have them in case he WANTED to store something!" You always loved things like that.

Fishing is slow. Days are cold, but the ice isn't safe everywhere. The road into Big Lake is closed...though some still make it in. Silver Creek is where I send people right now.

The people in town worry about us right now. Business is slow (though, not as slow as they think and certainly much busier than I had planned). I've had enough busy days. I really enjoy the slow days...and I know that May through October will be hectic, so I am savoring these slow days...treasuring them. Just a little 40s music and we're just fine.

I love you, Dad. I miss you so much. I like connecting with you in pipe tobacco, Monk, and anything else...as you know, I find connection daily.

Love you so much! We're all so happy! Thank you for that!

I'll write again soon-

-Joel

Joel Price - February 06 at 01:19 PM



“ I know that Dad knows, but I wish I could share this time in my life with him. I wish that he would walk in to the market one day, give me a hug, and ask what they're biting on. I miss him. We spent so much time together in the town of Greer - I know he's happy for us. I know he's proud of me. Somedays I go down to his tree by the river and visit with him a bit.

The past two years have been one struggle after another. I miss you, Dad. I love you. God bless. Thank you.

Joel Price - November 11, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ There's just so much I want to talk with him about. I pray to dream about him just so I can talk with him again. I absolutely was not ready for him to be gone. I was prepared...Dad was prepared, but I wasn't ready.

Joel Price - December 19, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ I miss his hugs. I miss how he kept up on the automobile market...he always knew what model was build on what chassis. I miss his texts and him playing solitaire with Baylor in the mornings when we would visit. I miss his smile when he saw that we had MGD on hand. I miss how long it would take him to eat his dinners and how he made himself completely at home when he was at our house. I miss coming home from work and being greeted by my dad...who had come early so that he could visit with Ashley for a bit before I got home. They really developed a great friendship. I'm mad that I can't take him fishing with the boys right now. The browns are in spawn and I know he would get a kick out of seeing that.

I miss you, Dad! I hope you understand what you really meant to me!

Joel Price - October 25, 2019 at 07:01 PM



“ I miss uncle Jay. He had a certain gentleness about him that allowed you to be at ease when he was around. He invested in me much more than I ever realized. I am thankful for his faithfulness and that we will see him again.

Zach - August 25, 2019 at 05:56 AM



“ Today was the day I signed KHOS on the air in 1963 Jay was not here at that time but he was hired in 1969. Jay became a valued employee from that we became great friend!
Jim Slone

Jim Slone - August 10, 2019 at 11:11 PM



“ I miss my dad. If you knew him, you know he was a good man. And if you thought he was a good man, you didn't know the half of it. He is with me throughout my day...constantly reminding me how he would handle things. He was so smart and wise.

I miss his voice and I miss him flashing his lights as he would drive off after a visit. I'm not ready for him to be gone. I so desperately want to receive a new text from him just giving me an update of his day or his location between his house and the cabin.

He was so good to all of us and he loved us so much. He was so much more than a father to me and he was the best father a boy could ever imagine.

Joel Price - July 08, 2019 at 08:47 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Joel Price - June 25, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ When Dad made sandwiches, especially for other people, he always included as many toppings as possible. Even the lowly bologna sandwich (my personal favorite) was complete with mayo, cheese, lettuce, and tomato slice (if available). AND if he were packing the sandwich for a fishing trip or whatever, it would be in a plastic ziplock along with a folded napkin for your convenience.

Joel Price - June 25, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ 18 files added to the tribute wall



Joel Price - June 22, 2019 at 02:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joel Eugene Price.



June 21, 2019 at 10:45 PM



“ I should have put this in the obituary. If you are able to come to the funeral, don't bother wearing a suit or tie. A lot of us are honoring my Dad by wearing Hawaiian shirts. Star Wars and UofA clothing is also acceptable. Don't worry...we won't ask you to leave if you DO show up in a suit. It's just that Dad hated suits...and he loved Hawaii, Star Wars, and UofA. LSU Tigers and UT Volunteers apparel also accepted.
-Joel

Joel Price - June 21, 2019 at 09:21 PM



“ Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joel Eugene Price.



June 21, 2019 at 06:23 PM