



David Austin Price

June 30, 1948 - February 29, 2024

David Austin Price, at 75 years, passed away February 29 at his home in Naples, FL. He was born on June 30, 1948, on a beautiful farm in Rachel, WV, to Arch and Roberta Price. He is survived by his loving wife Cecelia (Gallucci) Price, his daughters Christie Holmes and Aimee Price, and his grandchildren, Eric Holmes, Megan Holmes, and Sarah Holmes. He is preceded in death by his parents Arch and Roberta, and his brother John R Price.

David graduated from Farmington HS as Valedictorian and from West Virginia University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He went on to have an extremely successful career with the Federal Highway Administration. He was known for his contributions to building highways and bridges, training young engineers through seminars nationwide, and working with Senators on Capitol Hill to help finance highway and road disasters. He was also involved with Homeland Security initiatives after 9/11.

David kindheartedly volunteered his time and skills to Garrett County Mentors, to young archers, and to committees in every community in which he lived.

David had a passion for the great outdoors where he loved to hunt, hike, take photos, and just spend time soaking up the peace and serenity that nature provides. He also enjoyed spending time with the Price family and lifelong friends on West Virginia hunting trips. He loved writing humanistic stories about the outdoors. Thirteen of these articles were published in national and state outdoor magazines. He loved playing tennis and working out in the gym, but his greatest love was his family and friends. David spent many Sundays

with the Gallucci family, who also reside in sunny Florida. In addition, he was surrounded by a large community of close friends in Stonebridge where he had resided for the last 10 years. He was the most thoughtful and giving individual who enjoyed real connection with those around him. He was surrounded by love because he gave so much love to others! David had a heart of gold and never-ending positive attitude. He lived life to its fullest with his gentle spirit and a twinkle in his eyes! He will always be remembered fondly for these traits.

A celebration of life will be held at Stonebridge Country Club in Naples, FL, on March 9, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Naples AVOW Hospice or the American Cancer Society. A celebration of life will be held in West Virginia at a later date.

Online condolences may be offered at www.shikanyfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, family owned since 1978.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Stonebridge Country Club
2100 Winding Oaks Way
Naples, FL 34109-1423
(239) 594-5200

Tribute Wall

LP

“ *What a wonderful man and family and community member. We played hundreds of tennis matches, and he even let us win sometimes. Thinking of Cecelia and the family with love and sending prayers. Lee Pae*

Lee Pae - August 24, 2024 at 11:35 AM

AF

“ *I first met David when I was assigned to the Connecticut Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration. David was the very first leader to show that he really cared about me as a person and took a real interest in helping me be successful in my career. That real leadership went well beyond our time together in Connecticut--it continued on throughout my career. He has positively touched the lives of so many people at FHWA--a real class act who led through his service to others. To Cecelia and family--may the hole in your hearts soon be filled by the warm memories of David and the comfort of friends from across the country.*

Al Alonzi and Family - March 13, 2024 at 01:22 PM

TB

“ *The Burchfields purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of David Austin Price.*



The Burchfields - March 06, 2024 at 08:43 PM

AH

“ Dave will be missed by his family and many friends. He loved the outdoors and sharing stories about nature. He taught many of his friends the best hunting tactics and enjoyed teaching young hunters. His Hampshire County hunting buddies will miss his passion and friendship. Our thoughts and prayers to Cecelia and the family.
Aaron and LouAnne Hawkins

Aaron Hawkins - March 06, 2024 at 06:41 PM

AH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Aaron Hawkins - March 06, 2024 at 06:15 PM

CH

“ Dear Cecilia and family,
We know your hearts are broken and the road ahead will be difficult without David by your side. Just know that you have family and lots of friends for support. We will always remember all the good times, visits and many meals we shared from CT to VA to Deep Creek to FL. Dave was always smiling and ready to welcome company. He was so thoughtful and always asked about our families. He fought hard against all the health challenges and always with a positive attitude. He was a role model for us all and we have lost an angel.
Cathy and Gary Hamby

Cathy Hamby - March 06, 2024 at 12:59 PM

GH

“ Over my 76 years, I have gotten to know thousands of people, some remarkable, some less so. However, I have been privileged to know only a very small number of whom to me were perfect people. David Price is one of them.

David was one of those special people with all the desirable characteristics. He was a class act who was an intelligent, caring, loyal, thoughtful, hard-working, sensible, helpful, and tactful person with an enthusiasm for all facets of life. He was a loving family man and a loyal and dependable friend. He was a talented athlete. He loved nature and all things outdoors.

I had the pleasure of working closely with David in Connecticut. He was one of the finest professionals I ever met. His style of management was perfect. Not only did the people we worked with admire David but they also respected him for his flawless judgment and sensible approach in all matters.

It would be a wonderful world if all people were like David. Just think-we wouldn't need police or armies. There would be world peace with everyone working together to solve problems and make society better.

David enriched the lives of all of us who came into contact with him. In the future, we'll still have the happy memories of our friendship with him.

Gary Hamby - March 06, 2024 at 11:22 AM

RM

“ David fought hard and was always upbeat. A very kind and positive person who will be missed in our community. Glad we had the opportunity to spend some time with you. Our sincerest thoughts and prayers are with Cecelia and her family.

Rob & Wendi MacKinlay - March 05, 2024 at 01:13 PM

AH

“ Amy, Kristy, Sarah, Annette, Heather purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Austin Price.



Amy, Kristy, Sarah, Annette, Heather - March 05, 2024 at 08:48 AM

AH

“ Amy, Kristy, Sarah, Annette, Heather planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Austin Price.

Amy, Kristy, Sarah, Annette, Heather - March 05, 2024 at 08:48 AM

FS

“ Working with Dave off and on over many years at the Federal Highway Administration I was always struck by his good humor, humility and calm in dealing with complex and controversial situations. I attributed it to his high level of competence and eminently good judgement.

Fred Skaer - March 03, 2024 at 07:37 PM

JG

“ We are so deeply sorry for your loss. David was a wonderful man who touched the lives of many. I have memories I will always hold close. May you and your girls find strength and peace in the memories you shared together. Peace be with you and your family. With deepest sympathy and love,
John and Melody Gouzd

John Gouzd - March 03, 2024 at 06:03 PM

MF

“ I offer my heartfelt condolences to Cecelia, Christie, and Aimee, as well as to grandchildren Eric , Megan, and Sarah Holmes, and to nephews Todd, Tim, and Tiger Price. I hope to attend a celebration .of life in WV.

Mary Frye - March 03, 2024 at 04:26 PM

JW

“ Dave was a great friend. He and Cecilia graciously welcomed us to the DC area when we moved from CT. The Price family has many friends across the country and Dave will be remembered fondly. Jim and Pat Ware

James ware - March 02, 2024 at 03:30 PM

LM

“ Lisa M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Austin Price.

Lisa M. - March 02, 2024 at 03:19 PM

AM

“ Cecilia and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Dave was such a nice person with a smile for everyone. I remember with fondness when you all lived in Mechanicsville and Dave was in the VA Division office. Your girls were preschool then! Over the years since it was always a pleasure to talk with Dave and catch up on the family. I know each of you have many special memories. I hope those memories and God's unfailing love will give you comfort in the days ahead. Just know I am thinking of you at this difficult time.
Alice Murphey

Alice Murphey - March 02, 2024 at 09:22 AM

TN

“ *Dearest Cecelia, Christie, Aimee and Family, We are deeply saddened and heartbroken to learn of Dave's passing. We consider you all as our extended family, the FHWA Connecticut Division was family. I have such wonderful memories of Dave and still remember his first day as the new ADA. He was wonderful to work with, very kind, funny, and his eyes would light up talking about his beautiful family. His passion as a serious hunter was remarkable and yes, he laughed easily when we teased him about his hunting with his "bow and arra." There are few people of his caring caliber in this world, and we are blessed to call him our friend. May time, memories and God give you comfort during this difficult time. Please know we all share your grief and tears with you.*



Thea, Rick and Family

Thea Ness - March 02, 2024 at 08:23 AM

PP

So sorry to hear of the passing of Dave. We have known Dave and the Price family since the early '60s, first through our Presbyterian Church in Mannington. Dave was always a good person and wonderful to be around., As years moved on didn't get to see or talk to Dave as often, but every time he would lift my spirits. Dave will be remembered and missed by many.

Phil & Suzette Prichard - March 04, 2024 at 02:16 PM