



Melvin Edward Price

October 13, 1920 - November 26, 2014

Melvin Edward Price, Easton's own country music legend, went to be with his beloved wife, Hazel, in Heaven on November 26, 2014. He was 94.

Born in Easton on October 13, 1920, Mel was the son of the late James Edward and Clara Andrew Price. Growing up on a farm, Mel always loved taking care of the animals. His other interest was music. He often sang along with his brother, Owen, at social and church gatherings.

In March of 1941, he married Daisy Chaplain with whom he had two daughters. Later, in 1950, he married Hazel Draper with whom he had three daughters. Mel and Hazel enjoyed 62 wonderful years together until Hazel's death in May of 2013.

Mel served in the Army in the 35th Infantry Division, called the Santa Fe Division. During this time, he often performed for his fellow soldiers and said that when he got out of the Army, he would start a country music band and name it the Santa Fe Rangers. In 1945, he did just that.

During his service time, he was awarded the Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, three Battle Stars, a Good Conduct Medal, a Combat Infantry Badge and many other awards, and was present at the Battle of the Bulge. He was discharged from the Army in 1945.

Mel was a member of the VFW and the Purple Heart. He served as their finance officer for over 20 years.

His love of country music allowed him to travel all over the world, entertaining troops for USO Tours. The Santa Fe Rangers had the distinction of being the only group with more overseas tours than even Bob Hope. He also made the acquaintance of such fellow musicians as Hank Williams, Loretta Lynn, Ernest Tubb, Patsy Cline, and even Elvis Presley.

After travel, Mel and Hazel owned Price's Music Center for 30 years in Easton, Seaford, Cambridge and Chestertown and, later, Tammy's Children's Wear, which is now owned and operated by their daughter, Lynne.

Mel began a radio show in 1946 and it was a huge part of his life. Every Sunday evening from 5 to 7 p.m., Mel's old country music show was a highlight for many many people, young and old alike. His knowledge of music and other musicians was phenomenal, and his "radio voice" was unparalleled. In total, Mel's music career spanned 75 years.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mel was preceded in death by his three siblings, Edna Gannon, Owen and Maurice Price and a grandson, Michael Foreman.

He is survived by his five daughters, Sharon Miller (Leroy), Marlana Groves (Les), Lynne Shostak, Gail Newcomb (Ronnie) and Christine Collison (Pat); 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and a special canine friend, Kamra.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, from 7-9 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. 200 S. Harrison St. in Easton. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the Easton Church of God. Burial will be at Woodlawn Memorial Park

in Easton.

Memorial donations, may be made to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton, MD 21601 and the Talbot Humane Society, P.O. Box 1143, Easton, MD 21601.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway
Easton, MD 21601

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Easton Church of God
1009 North Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Edward Price*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Melvin Edward Price*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Melvin Edward Price*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price*



Phil Foster - December 11, 2014 at 12:06 PM



“ *You will be sadly missed! My husband and I listened to your show each week!! Brenda & Butch Tucker*



Brenda & Butch Tucker - December 08, 2014 at 06:46 PM

DB

“ *Don & Judy Van Bourgondien lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price*



Don & Judy van Bourgondien - December 07, 2014 at 10:59 AM

BW

“ *One of my favorite patients. A true gentleman! I'm sure he is first string in the big band in the sky.*
Bernadette Williamson

Bernadette Williamson - December 04, 2014 at 12:53 PM



“ *This is such a great loss of a great person. Chris, my heart goes out to you especially as I know how close you are to your Dad. My love and sympathy to everyone.* *Dr. Molly Burgoyne*

Molly Burgoyne - December 03, 2014 at 01:41 PM

WM

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the price family loved hearing stories about mr price. I am so glad I got to meet him and hear his music. I am so glad he became a poppop to my daughter and grand daughter. Chris I am so sorry for your loss just remember he us with the love of his life now Fly high mr price.*



Will and Sherri Steele. Denton md - December 02, 2014 at 03:29 PM

HH

“ Heather Price Handzo lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price



Heather Price Handzo - December 02, 2014 at 07:19 AM

KE

“ Kim Elzey sent a virtual gift in memory of Melvin Edward Price



Kim Elzey - December 01, 2014 at 10:02 PM

KE

Little Bear book you gave me.....

Kim Elzey - December 01, 2014 at 10:02 PM

KE

“ Kim Elzey lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price



Kim Elzey - December 01, 2014 at 10:00 PM

KE

Love you Pop, to the moon and back and then again.....

Kim Elzey - December 01, 2014 at 10:01 PM

RT

“ *Randi Truitt lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price*



Randi Truitt - December 01, 2014 at 07:26 AM

RT

Mr. Price was a kind and wonderful boss.

Randi Truitt - December 01, 2014 at 07:27 AM

CH

“ *My Dad, My Hero! A daughters first love! I miss you Dad! I know you were excited to see Mom.*



Chris - November 30, 2014 at 09:58 AM

BL

Chris,

Although many years have passed since I saw you last, I wanted you to know your Dad was one of the finest men I have ever known. I still remember the hours I spent digging through 45 records, looking for the latest Top-40 hits, shopping for my first flute and all those days and nights we spent together taking Dance Lessons in the back of the Music Store with Joan Toomey.

Your mom & dad always made me feel like I was part of their family and I visited your home and those are the kind of memories that will stay with me forever...

I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers during this sad and difficult time.

Beth (Fuchs) Lacey

Beth (Fuchs) Lacey - December 02, 2014 at 11:47 AM

JC

“ *Couldn't have asked for a better grandfather ...I'm so glad Harper had a chance to be held by and enjoy his famous nursery !! He's "Gonna see my baby now" ~Mel Price*



Josh Collison - November 29, 2014 at 07:18 PM

JC

Nursery rhymes

Josh Collison - November 29, 2014 at 07:19 PM

JC

“ I enjoyed every single day I spent with my Poppop, so did Josslyn. She may not remember all time she spent with him but I will make sure she knows what a wonderful Great Grandfather he was and how much he loved her!



Jessi Collison - November 29, 2014 at 06:52 PM

KL

“ Wonderful Grandfather, I miss him dearly

Kelly Long - November 29, 2014 at 06:46 PM

LM

“ Linda Mann lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price



Linda Mann - November 29, 2014 at 06:29 PM

LM

Mel was one of the best. Hazel and I sat weekend after weekend enjoying listening to the band play. I think Mel enjoyed seeing Hazel and I laughing, dancing and enjoying our times together as much as she and I enjoyed them. We traveled many states with Mel and Mike playing music for the crowds. Mel thanks for some darn good memories. You will live on in our hearts for a long time. Waltz Across Texas dear friend. Linda Mann

Linda Mann - November 29, 2014 at 06:35 PM

 Britney
Steele

“ I am so glad I got to call this man Pop-Pop for the past 9 years. He was a wonderful man! Very grateful that my daughter was able to meet him as well! We love you pop-pop!



Britney Steele - November 29, 2014 at 06:27 PM

JM

“ Judith Musch lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price



Judith Musch - November 29, 2014 at 06:23 PM

JM

Bob and I are saddened by Mel's passing and you are in our prayers and thoughts.

Judith Musch - November 29, 2014 at 06:26 PM

 Victoria
Posada
Foreman

“ Prayers and thoughts are with the Price family at this time. Our deepest sympathy. Know he is always with you, in your heart and memories. He will be watching over you always. Stay strong and have faith. Bless you all. Love Ernie and Vicky Foreman



Victoria Posada Foreman - November 29, 2014 at 05:28 PM

DP

“ *Debra Pahlman lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price*



Debra Pahlman - November 29, 2014 at 05:24 PM

RS

“ *To a true troubadour and legend in your time!!! May you rest in peace.*

The Jones Boys, Darren, Brett Jones, Tom Kaufman, Bobby Simmons.

Robert Simmons - November 29, 2014 at 04:14 PM

RI

“ *I am honored to say I knew Mr. Price and am part of their family. Great man who left wonderful memories for all of us. He's up there, pickin and a grinning with Mrs. Price and Michael by his side. Thanks for sharing your beautiful music with all of us.*

richard - November 29, 2014 at 03:23 PM

RF

Richard Foreman

Richard Foreman - November 29, 2014 at 03:25 PM

JT

“ *Joan Toms lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price*



Joan Toms - November 29, 2014 at 09:42 AM

LM

“ *Our Dad, Hans Schwarten, spoke with fond memories of Mel Price and his music. After Dad lost his eyesight, he always looked forward to hearing Mel Price on the radio on Sunday afternoons. It was a particular treat when Mr. Price would give a "shout out" to Hans on his birthday. We are grateful for the man and the many years of music.*



Lou Ann S. McCaughey - November 29, 2014 at 08:45 AM

SS

“ *Fond memories of a person always respected both musically and personally. Will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to his family. Robert and Sandy Simmons*



SANDRA SIMMONS - November 28, 2014 at 05:32 PM

EC

“ *Many thoughts and prayers to the Price family! Eric and Amy Clopper*



Eric and Amy Clopper - November 28, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AB

“ *Ann And Gene Butler lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price*



ann and gene butler - November 27, 2014 at 09:43 AM

CS

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charlotte spicher - November 26, 2014 at 11:23 PM

ST

“ *To all of his family, I'm so sorry for your loss. He will be sorely missed.*

Sherri Taylor - November 26, 2014 at 10:22 PM



I am very sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Mel Price. I am a fan of country music and listened to this man back in the 50's when he had a regular radio program as the Santa Fe Rangers. I have more recently listened to his show on Sunday evenings. He was always a true gentleman and I enjoyed talking to him in recent years here in Easton. May God watch over him and members of his family.

Robert Thomas - November 30, 2014 at 09:43 PM

DC

“ *David. And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price*



david. and june clark - November 26, 2014 at 07:16 PM

DC

Dance to his music when he played at the Forest Lodge in Queenstown as a teenager, those were the days.

david. and june clark - November 26, 2014 at 07:18 PM

PP

Dennis and I had such a great time at Santa Fe East where Mr. Mel was the music player along with his daughter Sharon and her husband Leroy who taught line dancing. It was so great we even got married there on New Years Eve in 1996.

Condolences to the family.

We know Mr. Mel will always be in our hearts.

We wish you peace .

Pamela Pitt - November 29, 2014 at 01:58 PM

AS

“ *Alicia Summers lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price*



Alicia Summers - November 26, 2014 at 06:54 PM

DP

“ *Dennis Pitt lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price*



Dennis Pitt - November 26, 2014 at 05:43 PM

PP

“ Pamela Pitt lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price



pamela pitt - November 26, 2014 at 05:42 PM

SM

“ Steve Mccarty lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price



steve mccarty - November 26, 2014 at 04:43 PM

LM

“ Lois & Phil MacDonald lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price



Lois & Phil MacDonald - November 26, 2014 at 04:24 PM

KD

“ Kevin & Kay Dean lit a candle in memory of Melvin Edward Price



Kevin & Kay Dean - November 26, 2014 at 04:18 PM