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Robert Price

April 22, 1951 - May 7, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Robert Price. Everyone knew him as Blue, a man who courageously fought his battle with cancer with the strength, determination, and passion that defined his entire life. Robert passed while continuing to work on what he considered his life's work, his music, something he poured his heart and soul into and hoped would live on through his family, his sons and daughters, and everyone who loved him.

Robert was a deeply loved and respected man whose presence could never be ignored. He was a devoted father, a proud family man, and someone who believed in working hard, loving fiercely, staying true to who you are, and most importantly having fun. To his sons, daughters, and family, he was more than just a father; he was a protector, teacher, supporter, and constant source of strength. His grandchildren and neighborhood kids all called him "Papa Blue" and will remember him as the best Papa ever for his Blue Wolf and Wizard stories and adventures. Also, he was loved for his ability to coach them through any sport. His love for his family was unconditional, and he carried that love with him every single day.

Music was one of Robert's greatest passions. It was more than a hobby to him; it was part of who he was. Through every song, every lyric, and every dream he chased, he left behind pieces of himself that will continue to live on. Even while facing

he left behind pieces of himself that will continue to live on. Even while facing cancer, he never stopped creating, never stopped believing, and never stopped fighting for the things he loved most. He was brave and never let the pain stop him from showing up for all of us.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Laurie Ann Luckenbill Price; children, Deneen Segars Kinney (Brian), Walter “Skip” Price, Angelique Capri Boudart (Tim), Johanna Joywind Gover (Brett), John Christopher Price (Nina), Heather Nicole Utley, and Mattea Rose Trejos (Jarot); seventeen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and a sister, Eva Price (Jeff Jackson).

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Herbert Price (Elsa Eebner Price) and Elsie Adams Mister.

A service will be held at a later date at Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Love connects

–Luckenbill Wendy



I am so thankful that my mom and papa Blue were able to reconnect. My papa Jack and grandpa Worley passed when I was young. He came into our life's at the perfect time for me when I needed a Papa most (22 years old) I always loved when he would come visit and have a lot of great memories with him and everyone. When he wasn't in town we would talk a few times a month and he loved to hear about the boys and their sports. He will truly be missed and made a great impact on my life that I will treasure forever.

–Levi Worley



I had to light the "Blue" candle. Mattea, Laurie, & family, our prayers are with you during time of unimaginable sorrow. Sending you love & big hugs. Blue will be missed & remembered always.

–Annah Hiers



I thank god everyday i got to meet a sweet man like papa blue, he was such an amazing soul and i am glad that Elaina



and Beckham got to be in his life and experience his love and to know he loved them like his own will forever be in my heart!

—Angela Cedillo