



Curtis Prior

August 12, 1946 - April 8, 2025

Kingsport, TN-

Curtis Prior, known as Curtis to his friends and family, passed away suddenly on April 8, 2025, in Kingsport, TN, at the age of 78. Born on August 12, 1946, in Wise County, VA, Curtis lived a life marked by bravery, adventure, and selflessness.

Curtis was a proud graduate of Bland High School. His deep sense of duty led him to enlist in the United States Marine Corps, where he served his country with honor. His valor in the Vietnam Conflict earned him a Purple Heart for distinguished bravery, a testament to his courage and dedication to his nation. After his military service, Curtis continued his career at the Naval Shipyards in Norfolk, demonstrating the same commitment and work ethic that he had shown in the Marines. Eventually, he returned to his roots in Wise County, where he worked in the coal mines for Paramount and Westmoreland.

Curtis was a man of faith who enjoyed reading the Bible, finding comfort and wisdom in its passages. He was a pillar of strength to his family and friends, and his presence brought a sense of security to those around him.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Louis Prior and Mayetta Beard Pinkston, his siblings Harry Gaines, Jerome Horton, Stephanie Price, Ann

Price, Teresa Beard Cole, and the mother of his children, Wilma Jean Williams Prior. Curtis was also greeted in eternity by his beloved granddaughter Brittany Porambo, who undoubtedly welcomed him with open arms.

Curtis leaves behind a legacy of love and perseverance. Mourning his loss yet celebrating his life are his children, Alicia Fields, Margie Prior, and Curtis L. Prior I, and his fiancée, Sandra Duff & Brandi N.E. Prior & Shawn Burgess, His memory will also be treasured by his grandchildren, Crystal Potter (Josh), Christopher Porambo, Ashlei Porambo, Akeem Prior (Marshe Bonaparte), Joycie Hagan, Jasiah Duff, Jeremiah Duff, and Ava Prior. His great-grandchildren, Elaina, King, Raven, Alexandra, Laila, Charlee, Maliyah, Azzlyn, & Londyn, also left to honor Curtis's memory are his siblings, Deloris Hawkins (Nathaniel), Sandra Gadson (Richard), Vera Ruff (Dwight), Ronnie Gaines, and Johnny Brown. His passing is a profound loss to his extended family, including as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, April 19th at Holding Funeral Home from 11am-12pm. The Funeral service will be conducted immediately following in the funeral home's chapel with Pastor Sandra Jones, elder Carolyn Smith officiating. The local D.A.V. and V.F.W. will perform military rites for Mr. Prior.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

In Lieu of flowers please make contributions to Jewish Voice Ministry at P.O. Box 31998 Phonex Az 85446

A memorial video has been created for family and friends at:
Holding Funeral Home will update when finalized.

An online register is available for the family of Mr. Curtis Prior at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Curtis Prior.

Tribute Wall



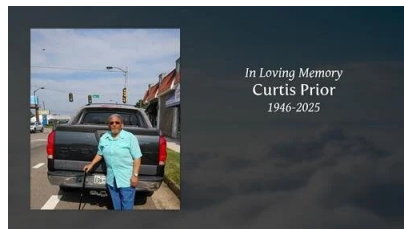
“ Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Curtis Prior



Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - April 19, 2025 at 09:15 AM



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“ Johnny B. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Curtis Prior.



Johnny B. - April 17, 2025 at 07:58 AM

JE

“ There are no words that can sufficiently convey to the family the bereavement and the hurt they are now experiencing through the loss of their father, brother, and grandfather. There is a space that is now vacant in our hearts but never absent from our fond memories and cherished recollections of times gone by. We can call upon the laughter and joy that we shared with Curtis and wrap ourselves up in those happy thoughts as if it was a favorite blanket on a cold winter’s day. Sending prayers of comfort and condolences to the Prior family during this difficult time. As always at your service:
Minister Lynnette Stuart and Josie Ellis

Josie Ellis - April 15, 2025 at 11:01 AM

JB

“ He told me how to shave as a kid and I still have the scar for proof.

Johnny Brown - April 15, 2025 at 09:47 AM

NC

“ Night Crew purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Curtis Prior.



Night Crew - April 14, 2025 at 08:30 AM



“ Robin Bartee lit a candle in memory of Curtis Prior



Robin Bartee - April 12, 2025 at 07:54 AM

LK

“ *Lisa Kirk lit a candle in memory of Curtis Prior*



Lisa Kirk - April 12, 2025 at 12:46 AM

KD

“ *Katharina Duff lit a candle in memory of Curtis Prior*



Katharina Duff - April 11, 2025 at 05:49 AM