



Mr. Edward B. "Eddie" Penrice

August 16, 1949 - January 16, 2022

Obituary

Our beloved Edward "Fast Eddie" Byron Penrice passed away on the morning of Sunday January 16, 2022 at the age of 72. Eddie was born on August 16, 1949 in Kansas City, Kansas to his loving mother, Bettie Jean Baker-Penrice and was raised in Kansas City, Missouri. He attended Holy Name Catholic School through eighth grade and was an altar boy at Holy Name Church. He graduated in 1967 from De La Salle High School in Kansas City, MO, where he excelled academically and was at the top of his class. During his high school years, Eddie was a passionate athlete who played third base for the Pirates and point guard for De La Salle basketball team. He continued his education at the University of Missouri in Kansas City and pledged Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in 1968.

During his college years, Eddie was among the first African American supervisors at First National Bank where he hired others from his community. Eddie was also an accomplished musician. He played guitar and bass with his group Positive Force, a popular band around town. He was a deejay at KPRS 103.3 FM known as "Fast Eddie" in the early 70s.

"I love production...any kind, any day, almost anywhere." Eddie would say regarding the industry he was passionate about. Eddie's work was stellar because of his personal philosophy. "The Six P's: Piss Poor Planning

Prevents Perfect Performance.” Eddie was a well-known producer locally and nationally. He provided sound for events at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, the American Jazz Museum and for the Enshriners, a group of businessmen who sponsor events in Kansas City, Missouri. He was the owner of EBP Productions in KCMO, as well as Vice President of Diversified Entertainment group based in Akron, OH.

Eddie was one of the architects of the 18th and Vine Jazz Festival in its HEYDAY! Long before there was an American Jazz Museum, he worked alongside his uncle, Eddie Baker, founder of the Charlie Parker Memorial Foundation, to ensure Kansas City remembered its historic jazz roots.

Through his company EBP Production, he was instrumental in producing and booking top national artists such as Herbie Hancock, Slave, Morris Day and the Time, and many more. From 1995 - 2009, he was Audio Production Coordinator for the Auxiliaries in Ministry (AIM) Convention, the annual summer convention of the Church of God In Christ, Inc. He also worked for the Kansas City Parks and Recreation as the Event Coordinator and retired in 2007 after twelve years of service.

Eddie was a seeker, a very spiritual man and explored various religious practices including Catholicism and Islam, and later joined the Church of God in Christ where he became a minister and also shared his talents and skills as a sound engineer at his first COGIC church home, Deliverance Temple in Kansas City, MO. Due to his impassioned recruitment and skilled training of many people, responsibilities were easily transferred following his declining health in 2011.

Eddie’s grandparents Neosha and William Baker, his mother, Bettie Jean Wellman, his step-father Lionel Russell Wellman, his adopted son, Nolon Christopher Goudeaux, various aunts, uncles, and cousins preceded him in

death.

He is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Luana M. Penrice, three brothers Lee Penrice (Laverne), Darryl Penrice, Paul Wiley and two sisters Angela Wellman (Ashara Ekundayo), and Lori Wellman (Julie Iverson); five grandchildren; Dacia McDonald-Willson (Carlos), Lamont Price-Goudeaux, Cierra Price (Dewayne Harris), Christin Tirrell Goudeaux (Jasmine), Conrad Terran Goudeaux (Amanda); ten great grandchildren; Cydnee Harris, Akira S. Willson, Gabriel L. Price Goudeaux, Dewayne Harris Jr, Dion Harris, Christian J. Goudeaux, Jaydon M. Goudeaux, Nolon T. Goudeaux, and Christina L. Goudeaux; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many friends and associates.

Eddie was a man of God, a mentor, friend, sports enthusiast, music lover, an ambassador for Kansas City, family man, entrepreneur and businessman. One of his greatest talents was his ability to connect people. He had no airs about himself. He loved holding conversations with anybody and everybody. He loved his city. He loved his family. Eddie was fun, loyal, vibrant, charming, committed, enthusiastic, light and love! Eddie absence leaves a tremendous void. He will be missed by all.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, January 29, 2022, at 11:00am (Virtually) Private Disposition. Visitation will be Friday, January 28, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Services conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website. Link for virtual service mstcsunset.com

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree

in memory of Mr. Edward B. "Eddie" Penrice, please visit our floral store.

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ *a kind man who allowed me to call him Uncle Eddie. beautiful spirit,love forever Carleane Hawkins*

Carleane Hawkins - February 21 at 06:11 PM

AP

“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for Mr. Edward B. "Eddie" Penrice We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels-Missouri - Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Mr. Edward B. "Eddie" Penrice - May 25, 2023 at 12:17 PM

KA

“ *A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mr. Edward B. "Eddie" Penrice by Kai Aiyetoro. Plant a TreeOur friendship spanned from 5th grade throughout our adulthood. We always had an understanding that truthfulness was key to maintaining a lifelong relationship. Rest in peace, dear Eddie.Kai Aiyetoro*

Kai Aiyetoro - May 25, 2023 at 12:17 PM

WF

“ *Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward B. "Eddie" Penrice by Webb family. Send FlowersPlease accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.Webb family*

Webb family - May 25, 2023 at 12:17 PM

VT

“ Beautiful in blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward B. "Eddie" Penrice by Valerie Tucker. Send Flowers Eddie, you will live in my heart forever. Rest in Paradise. Valerie Tucker

Valerie Tucker - May 25, 2023 at 12:17 PM

TF

“ Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward B. "Eddie" Penrice by The Givens Family. Send Flowers In Loving Memory of Edward B. "Eddie" Penrice We extend our deepest sympathies to Luana and the family during this time. Our prayers will be with you today and always. God bless... The Givens Family

The Givens Family - May 25, 2023 at 12:17 PM

RC

“ Losing Eddie is a reminder that we don't always have tomorrow to do the things we need to do. Reach out now to friends and family and tell them you still love and care.

*The Curl Family
Rick and Ann Curl*

Rick and Ann Curl - January 30, 2022 at 10:34 AM

DF

“ A 'Praying Hands' gesture was posted

Dr. Sybil Finney - January 26, 2022 at 07:36 PM

DF

“ Bro. Eddie was one of the most kind & considerate gentleman that Ive ever met. He served at our Intl church conventions (sound engineering) & would always look out for me as my big brother. I will definitely miss the gift of love that he was, but Ill cherish & share the gifts of love that he left in his purposeful lifes journey. Im praying for his family & all else whose life that Im sure he blessed w/his gentle touch.

Dr. Sybil Finney - January 26, 2022 at 07:34 PM

MT

“ Eddie would light up the room when he entered, and people were drawn to him like a moth to a flame. He never met a stranger, and his light shone so brightly that the world is a little bit dimmer without him. He will be greatly missed.

Mata Townsend - January 26, 2022 at 12:31 AM

MB

“ Eddie was a family friend and a high school classmate. I left Kansas City for the military in 1968, but when I came home we would touch base. I will always remember the good times we shared. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Michael Brown - January 23, 2022 at 02:11 PM

HH

“ Eddie was a true gentleman. We were college buddies at UMKC and started in Radio together at a classical station in Independence Mo playing Jazz from Midnight - 6am. The 6 hour time period was a perfect opportunity to "get in the groove" to study. He was always thoughtful and willing to help others. When Eddie was the evening supervisor at a bank in downtown KC he hired me to work with him in the Data Processing dept. We lost touch in the early '70s' when I relocated to Jackson Mississippi but reconnected in 2016. I will miss him dearly and our brotherhood will never end. I pray that his family will be showered with Comfort, strength and encouragement during this time of sadness. May God bless and keep you all.

Henry Harrison - January 19, 2022 at 05:43 PM