

JOE L. PRICE

Mr. Joe L. Price, age 58 of Trinity, passed away February 21, 2003. Mr. Price was born August 21, 1944. Mr. Price graduated in 1962 from Trinity High School. In 1966 he graduated from Sam Houston State University with a B.A. in Government, Member - Alpha Chi. 1969 graduated Baylor Law School with Juris Doctor Degree, Member - Phi Delta Phi, 1968 Recipient-Phi Delta Phi Outstanding Freshman Award. September 1969 Licensed to Practice in State of Texas. 1969-77 Private Practice in Trinity County and surrounding area.

Appointed by Gov. Dolph Briscoe to serve as District Attorney of the 258th Judicial District on September 1, 1977 and has served in that capacity continuously until the present never being opposed for election.

258th Judicial District encompassed Polk County until 1988 and San Jacinto County until 1990 and presently encompasses Trinity County.

During his 25 years of prosecuting felony criminal cases, prosecuted three capital murder cases in which the death penalty was assessed by the judge after the jury returned their verdicts. In addition to these cases, he prosecuted thousands of other felony cases, and successfully tried over 100 criminal trials.

In 1992 received the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation Region VI Trial Award as a result of his prosecution of the noted capital case of the State of Texas V. Johnny Paul Penry which, to date has been tried three times (1980, 1990, and 2002). Each with jury findings resulting in the death penalty being assessed.

Currently serving on Board of Directors of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association. Testified before committees of the 75th and 76th Texas Legislature on matters related to capital punishment law. Currently serving on Board of Directors of the Kalin House Child Advocacy Center. Member of the Trinity County Go Texan Committee.

Board of Directors-Trinity Scholarship fund, and active support of Trinity County Fair and the young people of Trinity County.

Survived by his parents Dean Price and Johnnie Price, of Trinity; and daughters Jo Lin Brownlee and husband Lance Brownlee and grandson Price Brownlee, all of Arlington, Acnea Marburger and grandchildren Marshall and Jenna Marburger, all of Austin; one sister and brother-in-law Judy and Bill Burton, of Trinity; two nieces Julie and Ceslie.