



## Dr. Catherine "Taffy" Price

November 30, 1946 - October 17, 2020

Dr. Catherine "Taffy" Price – 73 of Valdosta, Georgia passed away on Saturday October 17, 2020 in the South Georgia Medical Center. Catherine was born on November 30, 1946 in Valdosta, Georgia to the late Catherine (Garbutt) and Brooker Blanton. She was a professor at Valdosta State University. She served as the Department Chair for Secondary Education and Instructional Technology. She graduated from Valdosta State University, University of Georgia, and Florida State University. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her sister, Terry Blanton Fender and Son-in-Law, Dr. Christopher Hendry.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, George T. Price, Sr. of Valdosta, GA; Daughter, Brooke Price Hendry of Macon, GA; Son, George "Tom" Price, Jr. and wife, Jessica of Valdosta, GA; Grandchildren: Alexis Blanton Hendry and Thomas Finnegan Price; Brother, Charles Brooker Blanton, Jr. and wife, Missy of Jacksonville, FL; A number of nieces and nephews.

Services for Catherine will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday October 24, 2020 in Christ the King Episcopal Church of Valdosta, Georgia. The family would also like to invite friends and other family members to a celebration of life held at the Price Cottage in Lake Octahatechee two weeks from Saturday. CDC guidelines for social distancing will be followed, and masks will be required at both services. Messages of sympathy can be left at [www.musicfuneralservices.com](http://www.musicfuneralservices.com). In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Christ the King Episcopal Church (101 E Central Ave, Valdosta, GA 31601) and Blanton-Price Scholarship for Instructional Technology Students at Valdosta State University. The Price family is being served by the staff at Music Funeral Services, Valdosta.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Service**                      10:00AM

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Christ The King Episcopal Church  
101 E Central Ave, Valdosta, GA, US, 31601

# Comments

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“ Sending LOVE and LIGHT to the Price family. As you gather to remember Taffy know that she was a good friend to many, a kind soul, and a wonderful colleague. She will be missed.

**Karen Noll** - November 04, 2020 at 07:00 AM

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“ Dr. Price was my advisor when I entered Grad school. She was understanding and caring about her students and the advancement of our department. As the first African-American in the department, I was inspired to achieve. I felt comfortable and accepted. As our department head, she made great strides for the advancement of technology and education. I have lots of fond memories of meetings, classes, conferences, and just good old talks with her. We are all so much better for having had her in our lives and a leader of our institution. With great appreciation for you and your life's work, Dr. Price, we pray that you rest in peace.

JoAnn B. Jones, Ed.S.

**Joann B Jones** - October 24, 2020 at 10:02 AM

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“ Jon Thompson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Catherine "Taffy" Price



**Jon Thompson** - October 24, 2020 at 08:24 AM

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“ Jon Thompson & Family purchased the With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Dr. Catherine "Taffy" Price.



Jon Thompson - October 24, 2020 at 08:23 AM

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“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Taffy was such a sweet, wonderful lady. You all have our deepest condolences. Love you all and big hugs!

Jon Thompson - October 24, 2020 at 08:17 AM

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“ Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Dr. Catherine "Taffy" Price.



October 23, 2020 at 04:44 PM

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“ Catherine was truly the most selfless person I have ever known. Her diminutive height belied her strength and ability to take on the Goliaths who stood in her way. Her accomplishments, both personal and professional, are only partially known to most of us. As their secretary, she made me a part of the dynamic team of professionals she put together and then led, mentored, prodded, corrected, empowered, inspired, and rewarded, and ultimately stepped aside as her creation lived on after her retirement. Her vision, determination and tenacity built ongoing programs at VSU that did and will benefit students and faculty for decades to come. In all things, she was empathetic and tender as necessary; and she played and had fun with the best of them. She was as loved by her international peers as she was by us. If you'd ever been in touch with Catherine, she kept up with you and made you feel important and dear to her. We are all devastated by her passing, and our hearts break for George and all the rest of their family. Our world is less bright in her absence.

**Gayle Brooks** - October 23, 2020 at 04:18 PM

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“ Heartfelt sympathy to George and family in the loss of Cathy. Will always remember her as a true Lowndes High Golden Eagle. Love and prayers, Richard and Linda Wicker

**Richard Wicker** - October 23, 2020 at 11:35 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Catherine "Taffy" Price.



October 23, 2020 at 05:06 AM

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“ George,my family and I are so sorry for your loss.may peace come to you and your family..

**Kenny Green** - October 22, 2020 at 06:56 PM

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“ Catherine was a mentor, a colleague and a friend. Under her enlightened leadership the instructional technology faculty became a highly creative team and developed lasting accomplishments--unsurpassed, I believe--by any other group at VSU. Catherine opened doors and beckoned us forward to professional experiences on the state, national, and international levels. She was a model of clear thinking, clear writing, and clear communication. A wise, kind, thoughtful, and compassionate critic, she expected the best, and we all tried to meet her expectations. I write this as a reflection for what she was and did, not only for me, but for the group. The good of the team; and the good that came of the teamwork were her passionate interests. She will be missed.

Jane Zahner - October 22, 2020 at 02:51 PM

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Jane Zahner - October 22, 2020 at 01:47 PM

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Michael Black - October 22, 2020 at 10:43 AM

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“ My most heartfelt sympathies to the entire Price family. Much love and prayers to all of you.

Mary Hoogasian - October 21, 2020 at 10:50 PM

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“ Teresa and I send our deepest sympathies to Tom and the entire Price family.  
L. A. Joiner

Joiner L. A. - October 21, 2020 at 05:35 PM

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“ I met Taffy in 1981 when I was hired as part of a federal grant to help set up a Center for Instructional and Faculty Development at then-Valdosta State College. She and I developed a friendship that lasted almost 40 years... though we did not see each other very often since I moved out of state not long after the grant concluded a couple of years later. Taffy was a “doer” and continued to grow professionally and achieve well-deserved accolades and leadership positions. It was gratifying to see her increasingly recognized for the knowledgeable, supportive, competent manager that she was — both of projects and people. I can just imagine the multitudes of students she encouraged and nurtured to go further than they might have thought they could. I am shocked and saddened by Taffy's death, especially since she was usually the strong one for others, a steady rock. She was also a nurturing mother, allowing and supporting her children and grandchildren to be the most and best that they could be. Underneath that unassuming, self-effacing exterior was an intuitively wise, sensitive and kind spirit. Though we were only in contact a few times a year, I will miss Taffy and our email updates about how our lives were going, and more recently reading some of the touching stories she was writing about her life. I am sad for the loss of my friend Taffy... but feel tremendous gratitude that I knew her.



Sally Jorgensen - October 21, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ I am not sure the caption came through...I am taking liberties using a (cropped) photo from Tom & Jessica's wedding that Taffy sent me, saying: "Thought you'd like to see us happy."

Sally Jorgensen - October 21, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Thank you for sharing this story Dr. Jorgensen. Taffy always credited you with helping her select her doctoral program.

Michael Black - October 22, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ Thank you for your comment. Many times Taffy told me I had inspired her to go for a doctorate... but it was her drive, desire, smarts and fortitude that got her through innumerable trips to Tallahassee and doing the rigorous work while always being there for her family and having a full-time teaching job.

Sally Jorgensen - October 23, 2020 at 11:51 PM

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“ Joni Wright lit a candle in memory of Dr. Catherine "Taffy" Price



**joni wright** - October 21, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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“ Peggy Vann Witherspoon lit a candle in memory of Dr. Catherine "Taffy" Price



**Peggy Vann Witherspoon** - October 21, 2020 at 09:35 AM

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“ Ben lit a candle in memory of Dr. Catherine "Taffy" Price



**Ben** - October 21, 2020 at 09:32 AM

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“ Ben Vann Jr. lit a candle in memory of Dr. Catherine "Taffy" Price



**Ben Vann Jr.** - October 21, 2020 at 09:30 AM

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“ I knew taffy through the duplicate bridge group here in valdosta. I always looked forward to seeing her on mondays. She was a precious friend and spread so much kindness! I'm so sorry she has passed from our lives! Thinking of her family with love and prayers.

**lynn petermann** - October 20, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ Taffy was a bridge friend of mine. I met her at the Duplicate Club in Valdosta. She was a very sweet, kind lady. And a good bridge player too. May God bless you during this difficult time. Margaret Jones Lenox, GA

**Margaret Jones** - October 21, 2020 at 03:16 PM