Howard Price was born in Nashville, Tennessee on March 16, 1941. He was one of three siblings. Mr. Price attended Meigs Elementary and Junior High School before graduating from Pearl High School in 1959. Following his older brother Edward, he began working at VUMC in the dietary department. Through a series of interviews, he was chosen by James Harris, a legendary figure who worked in the microbiology department, to be his understudy. His current activities include the role of supervisor in the media glassware room in the department of microbiology.

Over his fifty-seven years in the microbiology department, Mr. Price has overseen the hand-made development of all forms of culture media—fungal, bacterial, and mycobacterial. He learned to make these media from “scratch.” His skill has lent itself to creating special media not only for the hospital laboratories performing patient care related work, but also for the complex work of internationally recognized research programs. He has greatly impacted such programs in Pediatric Infectious Diseases and the Vanderbilt Vaccine Clinic, including the groups of faculty members, Dr. Kathy Edwards and Dr. James Crowe.

Mr. Price was married 45 years to his late wife, Gwendolyn Morton Price—who he met in the dietary department—and they have two sons.

Mr. Price is known for his high integrity, strong work ethic and commitment to VUMC. He is often seen on weekends late at night in the laboratory working to meet a deadline and to perfect a procedure. Nothing reflects his dedication to work more than he has compiled over 4000 hours of sick time.