



Kenneth Owens

February 2, 1940 - September 29, 2021

On Wednesday, September 29th, 2021, late in the night, Kenneth Owens peacefully departed this world. As per his last will and testament, his remains will be cremated, and a celebration of his life will be held in the Spring of 2022.

A native son of Philadelphia, he was born on Feb 2, 1940 to Sarah Ames. He graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School, as salutatorian, in 1957, and his love of education and desire to “give back” to the community drove him to pursue a career in teaching.

He obtained his Bachelor's degree, in Education, from Temple University in 1961. Thereafter, he traveled Europe extensively, taking courses in comparative education, to complete the requirements of his teaching certification.

He received his certification in 1968, and he embarked on a 40 year career in the Philadelphia school district. He obtained his Masters Degree in 1975 and his Principal Certification in 1978. He continued his own education with courses in chemistry, animal psychology, cell biology, biotechnology, biological calculations, and mathematics at Temple University, the Philadelphia School of Life Sciences, and LaSalle University.

In addition to mentoring students in the classroom, over his career, Mr. Owens mentored new teachers and served as Assistant Roster Chairmen. He provided instruction to students in non-traditional environments such as homebound students, G.E.D students, and returning drop-out students.

After retiring from his alma mater, Benjamin Franklin High School, as a Senior Career Teacher and member of the Administrative team, in 2002, he spent his time pursuing his love of Latin Music and Salsa Dancing.

He is survived by his son, Kenneth Micheal Owens, his daughter in-law Stephanie Owens, his grandson, Kenneth Michael Owens III, his nephew Curtis Derek Owens, and his great nephew Tyler Owens.