

**1936 - 2011**  
**The Dash Is Not Silent**

**Dr. Richard Edward Owens Sr.**, son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, educator, administrator and friend was born the second oldest of three children on October 23, 1936 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Richard H. Owens and Hazel T. King Owens.

**Dr. Owens** believed in family and the sanctity of marriage. On August 25, 1962 he vowed his devotion in Holy matrimony to Dorothy Jeanette Phillips. They were married for 48 years. To this loving union were born three sons, Richard Edward II, Rennard Eric, Ryan Ezell, and one daughter Karmen Jeanette. As a devoted father **Dr. Owens** felt it was his responsibility to instill in his children the importance of family, integrity, and accountability. It is this rich legacy that will be passed down from generation to generation.

**Dr. Owens** received his primary and secondary education from Indianapolis Public School Number 87 and Shortridge High School. After graduation he went on to college, but his studies were interrupted when he joined the United States Navy and Army serving four year with an Honorable Discharge. After returning home, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Indianapolis, Master of Science in School Administration & Supervision from Butler University, and Doctor of Divinity from Aeon Bible College. **Dr. Owens** educational training continued with postgraduate studies at his alma mater Butler University, Wayne State University, and The Ohio State University. He was also a graduate of the Indiana Principal Leadership Academy.

**Dr. Owens** was not just an educator; he was a committed leader that believed in achieving excellence not just in the classroom but spiritually and professionally. He dedicated over 30 years to the Indianapolis Public School system as a teacher, principal, and supervisor. As a teacher, he provided instruction and imparted knowledge. As a principal, he made you believe that the impossible was possible. As a supervisor, he mentored those with a desire to learn and the patience to endure. **Dr. Owens** began his career as a teacher at IPS School 64, he was quickly promoted to assistant principal at school 66, and then became principal at the schools 36, 44, 61 and 101. **Dr. Owens** retired in 1995 from school 48.

**Dr. Owens** was baptized in Jesus Name and received the Holy Ghost at Christ Temple Apostolic Church, Indianapolis, IN over 50 years ago. He received spiritual knowledge under the leadership of the late Bishop Willie Lee, Bishop James E. Tyson, the late Bishop Benjamin T. Moore, and Suffragan Bishop Charles M. Finnell (Christ Temple Apostolic Church), the late Suffragan Bishop Joseph D. Farris Sr. (Zion Tabernacle Apostolic Church), the late Bishop Norman L. Wagner (Mount Calvary Pentecostal Church), Pastor Timothy M. Harris (Turning Point Family Worship Center), and Bishop Lambert W. Gates, Sr. (Mount Zion Apostolic Church)

**Dr. Owens** paramount love for education was a gift and calling from God. He served as the President & Dean of Christian Faith Bible Institute, President of Aeon Bible College, Director of Christian Education for the National Young People's Union, and Chairman of the Indiana Christian Education Department of the Apostolic Bible Students Association. It was under his leadership that the concept of Sunday School changed to Christian Education. He adopted themes such as "An

Unchanged Missions in a Changing World”, “Paradigm Shift” and “Going to the Next Level” for State and Local conferences. **Dr. Owens** worked endlessly with the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World and the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith in various capacities: Local, State and National Seminar/Workshop presenter, Minister of Education (Mount Calvary Pentecostal Church and Christ Temple Apostolic Church), “Apostolic Light” Adult Sunday School writer, Contributor to the Spotlight Magazine, Christian School Consultant, and Ministerial Training Developer/Presenter.

**Dr. Richard Edward Owens Sr.** departed this earthly life on Wednesday January 5, 2011 at the age of 74 years. He was preceded in death by parents, Richard H. Owens and Hazel T. King Owens; sister, Harryette Owens Bland.

**Dr. Owens** leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Dorothy Jeanette Owens; sons, Richard Edward II (Julia) Owens, Rennard Eric, Ryan Ezell (Carolyn) Owens; daughter Karmen Jeanette (Fred) Franklin; brother, Frank K. Owens; nine grandchildren, Kimberlyn Christine Owens, Kristen Jeanette Franklin, Kaitlin Olivia Owens, Xavier Joshua-Ezell Owens, Brooklyn Annette Owens, Isaiah Ryan Owens, Krista Alexis Rose Franklin, Karlee Elizabeth Franklin, and Kyndal Noel Owens and a host of family and friends.

Humbly Submitted,  
The Owens Family