

Dr. T.J. Owens (1937-2005)

Obituary

Dr. T.J. Owens unexpectedly passed away surrounded by his loving family on October 17, 2005. He was born February 4, 1937 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Early on, he moved to California and received his BA Degree from Fresno State, making him the first African American from Barstow to complete college. He earned an MA in Counseling from Santa Clara University and an Ed. D. in College Administration from the University of San Francisco.

As Dean of San Jose City College and Vice President at Gavilan College, TJ was dedicated to education and service to people. He retired in June 2000, after 40+ years in education and became a member of the Gilroy School Board. His community involvement included over ten organizations where he served as a leader and community role model.

Survived by Brenda Jordan-Owens, children Annette Reabis, Alisa Owens & Audrey Owens, Milah Jordan, Navarro Jordan, grandchildren Samuel and Tyler Reavis, and 7 sisters and brothers.

Service will be held on Saturday, October 22 at 11 AM at Bethany/South Valley Church, 8095 Kelton Dr., Gilroy, CA 95020, (408) 842-9445. Viewing only on Friday from 6 – 8 PM at Jones Mortuary in East Palo Alto and Sat., from 9 – 11 AM at the church before the closed casket ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the TJ Owens Humanitarian Scholarship at Gavilan College.