

Mr. Borens

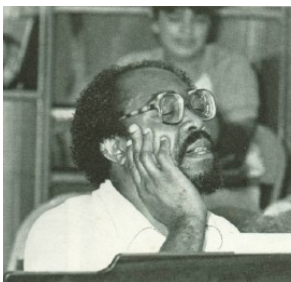
Beloved Chorus Teacher

1971 to 1991

I received this information and request to add Mr. Borens's to our CELEBRITY page. It was from one of his past students/chorus members from Excelsior High School in Rochelle, Georgia. From the note I assumed that he was there teaching from 1969 until 1971, when he came to CBHS.

His student, Barbara King, said that they had recorded his first chorus record album in 1969 and she's trying to track down a copy of the album to put it on a CD for herself. During the search is when she discovered that Mr. Borens's had passed away.

I told Barbara that we had done a huge memorial service at CBHS in our new Performing Arts Center for Mrs. Borens that was organized by many of his past CBHS students. And that they are going to place Mrs. Borens piano (still at CBHS) in a place of honor in the new Performing Arts Center soon.



This below is from his obituary—and of course, there is so much more that could not be printed in such a short piece. And the memories and inspiration he gave to all he came in touch with will never be forgotten.

MILTON BORENS, Jr.

Milton H. Borens, Jr. 68, of Merritt Island, FL passed away on Sunday, June 29, 2008. He was a retired Educator for Brevard County Public Schools. He taught at Cocoa Beach High School successfully, approximately 25 years, developing a choir called the Sinfonic Chorale Society. Milton pushed them to a performance level that annually rewarded them with gold, silver, and bronze medals in several categories of international music competition including, Rome, Hawaii, Paris, London, Greece, Holland, Mexico and Switzer land.

He completed his 35 years of teaching at Gardendale Elementary Magnet School where he was lead teacher for the School of Performing Arts. Milton also had a strong passion for church music. Milton was commuting to Orlando to serve as music director with his sister, Janice Carter at Carter Tabernacle C.M.E. Church. He organized their Mass Choir some years earlier during his fathers, Pastorate; the late Rev. Milton H. Borens, Sr. Together they directed an annual concert called the "Alleluia" for 24 years. Milton was an excellent music teacher, he was able to motivate students and church choirs to perform to perfection.



He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Ruby Williams Borens; two children, Janita Wiggins (Mark) and Milton H. Borens, II (Kevia); mother, Mable W. Borens; brothers, Rev. John J. Borens, Jonathan Borens (Sylvia); sister, Janice Carter (Lemuel); favorite aunt, Beulah Douglas; and three grandchildren.