

Legendary R&B artist Frankie Beverly passes away in Philadelphia

Description

Music fans, both in Philadelphia and globally, are mourning the passing of legendary R&B artist, songwriter, and producer Frankie Beverly at the age of 77. The founder of the funk and soul band Maze, born Howard Stanley Beverly, passed away as announced by his family on Wednesday morning. The family's message online requested privacy during this time of mourning, as they honor the memory of their beloved Howard Stanley Beverly, known as Frankie Beverly to the world.

Beverly, a Philadelphia native who attended Germantown High School, began his musical career by founding the Blenders before recording with the Butlers. He caught the attention of songwriter and producer Kenny Gamble and released several songs under the Cameo Parkway record label. Moving to the West Coast, Beverly's group became known as Raw Soul, then Maze, releasing nine gold albums.

Maze's classic song "Before I Let Go" remains popular, peaking at #13 on the Billboard R&B chart. The band's timeless hits like "Joy and Pain," "We Are One," and "Can't Get Over You" have left a lasting impact on music lovers worldwide. Before his passing, Beverly performed a farewell show in Philadelphia after 50 years of touring, leaving a legacy celebrated by fans, including Philadelphia Eagles quarterback, Jalen Hurts.

The cause of Beverly's death has not been disclosed by his family.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Legendary** /'ledʒ.ən,dər.i/ (adjective): Remarkable enough to be famous; very well-known.
2. **Mourning** /'mɔrnɪŋ/ (noun): The expression of deep sorrow for someone who has died.
3. **Legacy** /'lɛgəsɪ/ (noun): Something handed down by a predecessor; an impact or contribution that is remembered after someone's death.
4. **Timeless** /'taɪm.ləs/ (adjective): Not affected by the passage of time or changes in fashion.
5. **Impact** /'ɪm.pækt/ (noun/verb): The strong effect or influence of something; to have a strong effect on something.
6. **Disclosed** /dɪs'kloʊzd/ (verb): To make something known or reveal information.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Where was Frankie Beverly born?

Option: Philadelphia

Option: Los Angeles

Option: New York City

Option: Chicago

2. What was the name of the high school Frankie Beverly attended?

Option: Germantown High School

Option: Central High School

Option: West Philadelphia High School

Option: South Philadelphia High School

3. Under which record label did Frankie Beverly release several songs?

Option: Cameo Parkway

Option: Atlantic Records

Option: Motown Records

Option: Def Jam Recordings

4. Which classic song by Maze peaked at #13 on the Billboard R&B chart?

Option: Before I Let Go

Option: Joy and Pain

Option: We Are One

Option: Can't Get Over You

5. How many gold albums did Maze release?

Option: 9

Option: 5

Option: 12

Option: 3

6. Who was one of the fans who celebrated Frankie Beverly's legacy?

Option: Jalen Hurts

Option: LeBron James

Option: Beyoncé

Option: Taylor Swift

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Philadelphia 2. Germantown High School 3. Cameo Parkway 4. Before I Let Go 5. 9 6. Jalen Hurts

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which type of society is typically characterized by dehumanization and oppressive control?

- Option: A) Utopian
- Option: B) Dystopian
- Option: C) Sublime
- Option: D) Harmony

2. What is the term for the memories beliefs and values passed down from previous generations?

- Option: A) Relay
- Option: B) Heritage
- Option: C) Newfangled
- Option: D) Abandonment

3. Which term describes the act of expressing sorrow or grief typically after a death?

- Option: A) Festivity
- Option: B) Celebration
- Option: C) Mourning
- Option: D) Joviality

4. What word best describes rules or laws that are strictly imposed and must be followed?

- Option: A) Suggested
- Option: B) Negotiated
- Option: C) Enforced
- Option: D) Voluntary

5. Which term refers to the powerful effect or influence something has on a person thing or situation?

- Option: A) Omission
- Option: B) Negligence
- Option: C) Impact
- Option: D) Disregard



6. Which term best describes actions that are forbidden by law rules or custom?

- Option: A) Legal
- Option: B) Permitted
- Option: C) Illicit
- Option: D) Authorized

7. What word describes working together with others to achieve a common goal?

- Option: A) Isolated
- Option: B) Collaborated
- Option: C) Soloed
- Option: D) Rejected

8. Which term refers to giving assistance encouragement or comfort to someone or something?

- Option: A) Reject
- Option: B) Oppose
- Option: C) Support
- Option: D) Disdain

9. Which term indicates engaging in a secret plan to commit an unlawful or harmful act?

- Option: A) Assisting
- Option: B) Conspiring
- Option: C) Informing
- Option: D) Disclosing

10. What is the term for television programs that are broadcast again after they have been shown once?

- Option: A) Fresh shows
- Option: B) New series
- Option: C) Reruns
- Option: D) Previews

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Classical music is often described as _____ as it remains appealing and relevant regardless of the era.

12. Carrying a _____ workload can lead to burnout if not managed properly.

13. The company is facing challenges due to _____ profits over the past few quarters.

14. The new policy had a significant _____ on the employees resulting in increased

morale.

15. Having a strong network of friends can provide emotional _____ during tough times.

16. The legal _____ process can be emotionally draining for both parties involved.

17. The philanthropist aimed to leave a positive _____ for future generations through his charitable work.

18. The documentary aimed to highlight the environmental _____ of industrial pollution.

19. Creative thinkers often find ways to innovate even within tight _____.

20. The novel presented a _____ future where personal freedoms were severely limited.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The entire movie was built on the that technology could advance beyond human control.

22. The group engaged in activities under the cover of darkness.

23. In the rapidly changing market businesses must excel at complex regulations to succeed.

24. The whistleblower courageously the company's unethical practices.

25. The strict policies were to ensure compliance with safety standards.

26. The artist's talent was so exceptional that he became a figure in the music industry.

27. The new product launch generated a lot of due to its innovative features.

28. The company implemented measures to improve profitability during tough economic times.

29. The spies were to overthrow the government in a complex political plot.

30. The author the invaluable contributions of her editors in the book's foreword.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. B) Dystopian 2. B) Heritage 3. C) Mourning 4. C) Enforced 5. C) Impact 6. C) Illicit
7. B) Collaborated



8. C) Support 9. B) Conspiring 10. C) Reruns

Gap-Fill: 11. Timeless 12. Hefty 13. Declining 14. Impact 15. Support 16. Separation 17. Legacy 18. Impact
19. Constraints 20. Dystopian

Matching sentence: 1. Premise 2. Illicit 3. Navigating 4. Disclosed 5. Enforced 6. Legendary 7. Buzz 8. Cost-cutting 9. Conspiring 10. Acknowledged

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