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## 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.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Legendary** /'lɛdʒ.ən.dɛr.i/ (adjective): Remarkable enough to be famous; very well-known.
2. **Mourning** /'mɔːrniŋ/ (noun): The expression of deep sorrow for someone who has died.
3. **Legacy** /'lɛɡəsi/ (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



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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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