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LANCELOT H. OWENS BIOGRAPHY

LANCELOT HASAAN OWENS was born on February 29, 1968 in Dewitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. His proud parents Lancelot A. Owens of Newark, NJ and Rita Owens of Joppa, MD relocated to New Jersey with their six-week old son. Two years later his mother gave birth to his sister and best friend, Dana who is known as "Queen Latifah."

Lance attended Calvary Christian School, St. Aloysius and St. Ann's elementary schools, as well as Essex Catholic for Boys. In 1984 his term at the prestigious Science High School was interrupted when he fell victim to an attempted robbery and was shot. With the bullet still lodged near his spine, he recovered and completed his senior year at Irvington High School under the watchful eyes of his mother and class advisor, who was able to present him with his diploma.

His education was enhanced with guitar, drum and karate lessons, acting in school plays, chorus, the debate team and football. He also belonged to the Newark Teen Health Association and received many awards for merit, leadership and participation.

Lance attended Union County College but ultimately yielded to his life's desire to become a police officer (like his father) and joined the Police Academy in 1990. For 17 months he served as one of the youngest policemen on the East Orange Police force. He was scheduled to receive his first commendations for bravery in a May 1992 ceremony, when on April 26, 1992 Lance lost his life to severe internal injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Until the time of his death, Lance was once again attending college. He was pledging for the Masonic Order, was a member of the Police Lodge III and a member of the Kingsmen.

For those who knew him, Lance will be remembered as a happy go lucky guy with a ready smile and a warm heart. He was extremely loyal to family and friends, loved Star Trek, club music, and took pride in being a police officer.