

Dr. Samuel Mitrovich, Jr. Ph.D.



Freedom Area Teacher – 40 Years

*“Men love to wonder, and that is the seed of science.”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Born in Aliquippa in 1945, Samuel Mitrovich, Jr. Ph.D, taught at Freedom Area High School for 40 years. Over those 40 years, Dr. Mitrovich was an accomplished and dedicated educator.

Dr. Mitrovich earned his Bachelor’s degree and Masters degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. His formal education concluded at the University of Pittsburgh where he earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry.

An innovative and committed educator, Dr. Mitrovich was recognized through numerous teaching awards. He was awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, the Kevin Burns Science Teacher Award from the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He was named Region 1 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year, Pennsylvania Science Teacher of the Year, and the Pennsylvania Electric Association’s Outstanding Pennsylvania Science Teacher.

In addition to being an extraordinary teacher, Dr. Mitrovich also gained distinction as a cutting edge scientist. He was cofounder and principal scientist at Chem-Space Associates, an expert in liquid chromatography and mass spectrometry, and co-authored a book entitled *A Global View of LC/MS*, now in its third printing.

Dr. Mitrovich was an award winning cabinet maker, sculptor, and lifelong learner with interest in Russian literature, jazz, classical music, philosophy, and robotics. He was co-founder of the McConnell’s Mills Preservation Association and the Ohio Valley Montessori School.

Dr. Mitrovich passed away June 27, 2011. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Lois Brozenick, three sons, and four grandchildren.