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“It is with deep regret that the BCALA family shares the tragic news of the passing of our founder, Dr. E. J. Josey. Born in Norfolk, Virginia on January 20, 1924. Dr. Josey passed away on Friday, July 3, 2009 in Washington, North Carolina.

“Dr. Josey used his life to touch the lives of so many others, being willing to encourage and lead others with his unselfish devotion to advocating careers in librarianship and developing individuals with positive character. His role as visionary, mentor, teacher, and innovator will encourage this generation and the next to embrace the tough choices, to build the difficult bridges, and to voice the inspiring challenges. The entire library profession has indeed lost a true friend and a tireless fighter. Dr. E.J. Josey has been removed from our path, but he will never be forgotten!”

- Karolyn S. Thompson
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