

Robert Massie was born in Philadelphia Pennsylvania and grew up living in North Philadelphia. He graduated from Bishop Neumann High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, and a Master's Degree in Teaching English from Villanova University. A track and field athlete in both high school and college, Massie began his coaching and teaching careers at Gillespie Junior High School. In 1979 he began assisting track and field coaches at Simon Gratz High School and became the head coach for both boys' and girls' track teams at Simon Gratz.

In the years that followed the Simon Gratz track and field program won six girls' Public League Team Championships, three boys' Public League Team Championships, four girls' Pennsylvania State Team Championships, and three boys' boys Pennsylvania State Team Championships. With the help of longtime assistant and Simon Gratz graduate Fred "Beetle" Daniels, the track and field program won numerous National Championships titles over the years. Massie was voted Boys' track and field coach of the year three times and he was voted Girls' coach of the year seven times for the state of Pennsylvania. Being named honorary referee for high school girls at the 2008 Penn Relays is a cherished honor.

Mr. Massie taught at Simon Gratz for 20 years and he retired from teaching after 43 years in the Philadelphia Public School System when Simon Gratz Public High School closed in 2011.

Robert is a faithful member of the Siloam Baptist Church of Norristown and serves in many ministries and holds the office of Trustee. His hobbies include his amazing collection of house plants that he nurtures daily and his love of cruise travel vacations.

Robert Massie resides in Laverock, PA and is married to his wife Yvonne Livers Massie of 50 years. He is the proud father of 4 children, Kellen Massie, Jennè Massie, Kamau Stringfield, foster child Leatrice Shaw and granddaughter Styles Brown.