

**OBITUARY**

**Justin Dayton**

**1972 - 2000**

Justin Dayton of Norristown died suddenly on April 10; he was 27 years old. Justin was a graduate of Great Valley High School and Drexel University. He swam competitively for the Upper Main Line YMCA during his teen years and was a staff member at World Gym and the 12th Street Gym in Philadelphia after working several years in clothing retail. Justin is survived by his father Nelson, mother Connie, loving grandmother Adriance (Carol), sisters April Moosbrugger and Jessica Chambers, nephew Tyler, stepbrother Tom, aunt Wicky, and uncles David and Peter. He will be missed by his loving mentor Anne Gaston, as well as by many cousins and friends. A memorial service was held on Friday, April 14, at Gladwyne Presbyterian Church.

Contributions in Justin's memory may be made toward a crisis hotline at The Attic Youth Center, 419 South 15th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146 (attn: Dr. Carrie Jacobs).



**Victor Allekotte**

**1946 - 2000**

On Friday, April 7, Victor Allekotte passed from this world on to the next. He died of complications which arose after suffering a stroke on December 24, 1999. His condition was further complicated by his HIV positive status. He bravely faced the challenges forced upon him, and did his best to fight back. Unfortunately, this was a

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**Queer Somethings**

**Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, April 18th**

This is our new group for gay, lesbian, bi and trans folks and their straight allies of all ages, both HIV negative and positive. Come discuss topics important to us all! Next group meets May 2nd.

**Positive Attitude**

**Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, April 25th**

Our group for HIV positive men of all ages meets every other Tuesday. Come join us as we talk about our health and community while planning for the future.

**Twenty Somethings**

**Next Meeting:  
Wednesday, April 26th**

Our group for guys in their 20's who are HIV negative and looking to meet new friends outside of the bars and build community.

**Thirty Somethings**

**Next Meeting:  
Monday, May 1st**

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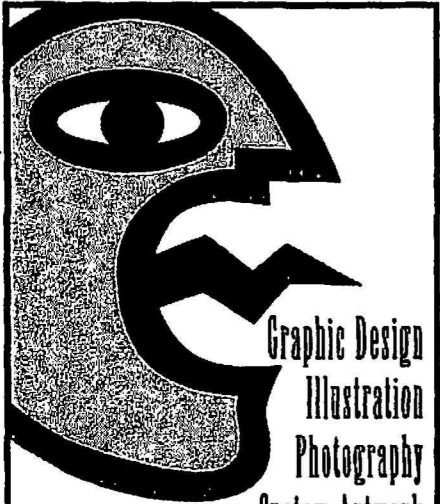
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### Victor Allekotte

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battle he could not win. His struggle to survive was remarkable, and his courage in the face of death was to be truly admired.

Vic was born in West Philadelphia on May 20, 1946. He was the son of the late Henry and Molly Allekotte and also the brother of the late Martin Allekotte. He was graduated from West Catholic Boys High School and attended La Salle College where he received a B. A. in Literature. He also attended Temple University where he received his Master's in Special Education. This was to be Vic's true calling.

In the early 1970's Vic was one of the first hired in the newly created Special Education Department of the School District of Philadelphia. He taught reading and math to the children who were mentally and/or physically handicapped. He worked at the Joseph W. Catharine Elementary School in Southwest Philadelphia his entire career. In fact, many of his former students later became the parents of his newer students. He was truly a fixture in Room 308. While working at Catharine, the faculty and staff become more than co-workers. They were, and still are, a part of his family.

Due to his illnesses in 1994 Vic was forced to retire. He could no longer withstand the physical rigors of the job. It was at this point that he became involved with many community

groups. He was very active with several Alcoholics Anonymous groups, primarily Recovery Clubhouse. He also did volunteer work at times with ActionAIDS, the AIDS Fund, the AL Library, PCHA, Safeguards, Philadelphia Fight and also served on the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee for Ryan White funding.

In addition to his community service Vic had many other interests. He was an animal lover, listened to "classical jazz, loved fine arts, books, and his newly purchased home. He always seemed to be going through one catalog or another, looking for that perfect item to help restore the house to its original state. He was an incredible man with a passion for life. He will be sorely missed.

Vic is survived by his husband/partner of almost 22 years, Stephen Bowers, and their children: Duke, a dog and Gilda the cat. He is also survived by Mr. Bowers' family: Joe Aronson (nee Bowers) and Robert Hickey; Diane (nee Bowers) and Karl Safran, and their children Dianne Joan and Karl Stephen Safran.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke and The Epiphany Church Chapel, 1315 S. 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA. There will also be a reception at the William Way Community Center, 1315 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA after the service. All friends are invited to attend. Memorial contributions are requested to go to Philly Pride and/or the William Way Community Center.

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