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OBITUARIES

Jose Manuel Martinez

Jose Manuel Martinez, 31, a risk reduction and early intervention specialist for the GALAEI Project, died suddenly Jan. 9, 1996, after a brief illness.

Born in the Dominican Republic, Martinez moved to the United States 17 years ago, residing in New York City and New Jersey before settling in Philadelphia.

As remembered by his surviving partner, Charles Bailey, family, friends and co-workers, Martinez always made an impact wherever he was and with whomever he met. Friendly and outgoing,



Martinez made many friends. He was a dedicated worker, husband, brother and uncle. Many say he had a passion for life, for taking care of others, for dancing and for fashion.

He volunteered many hours to the GALAEI Project prior to taking a staff position there. His many services to the community included working with the Safeguards Gatekeepers Project and other organizations.

In addition to his partner, Martinez is survived by his parents; nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at noon Jan. 20 at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 330 S. 13th St.

Memorial contributions may be made to the GALAEI Project, 1233 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107. ▼

Frederick P. Rocktashel

Frederick P. Rocktashel, 49, of Philadelphia, died Dec. 31, 1995, at Graduate Hospital of complications due to AIDS.

Known as "Rocky" by many of his friends, Rocktashel was born in Reading, a son of the late George and Eva Rocktashel.

He was a graduate of Reading Central Catholic High School and St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, where he received a bachelor's degree in philoso-

phy. He also served in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of captain, and, as a certified pilot, participated in the evacuation of Saigon during the last days of the Vietnam War.

After leaving the service, Rocktashel worked in Africa for the Catholic Relief Services. Later employment included General Public Utilities in Reading, and as director of the University of Pennsylvania's accounts pay-

able department, working there from 1986 until the summer of 1995.

Rocktashel is survived by his companion of 12 years, Paul Nutailis; two brothers and two sisters.

Private services were held Jan. 6 at Gethsemane Cemetery in Laureldale.

Memorial contributions may be made to any organization involved in serving people with AIDS or those who care for them. ▼

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