

OBITUARIES

Thomas E. Ball

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Special to PGN

Thomas E. Ball, 30, a member of the Quarter Moon Club and national director of sales of Chemex in Cinnaminson, died Sept. 1 at his parents home in Ada, Mich. He had lived in Philadelphia for the last five years.

Mr. Ball was a founding member of the board of directors of the Quarter Moon Club, a social and philanthropic organization for gay men. He had chaired several of the organization's charity events including a reception that followed the premiering of "Longtime Companion" in Philadelphia.

"He had a great sense of humor and a real personal charm and had a sense of charisma about him," said Malcolm Lazin, president of the Quarter Moon and a close friend. "He was always very proud of being gay and took joy in being a gay man."

Mr. Ball had begun working for Greylock Industries

Inc. in California and for the last five years had been director of sales for the Company's Chemex Division of Chemex/L&A Cleaning Equipment in Cinnaminson.

"He was a leader, vivacious and very outgoing," said his mother Joyce Ball. "He was successful and achieved what he wanted in a very short time. He had a very dynamic personality."

A 1984 graduate of the University of Michigan, he had received degrees in a double major of English and political science.

Mr. Ball was a 1980 graduate of Msgr. Hackett High School in Kalamazoo, Mich., where he had been president of the Honor Society and had served as class president for three years.

An outstanding tennis player, Mr. Ball had played high school varsity tennis for three years on a team that won a state title and a Class C Parochial title.

In addition to his mother Joyce, Mr. Ball is survived by his father Nicholas; three brothers, Nicholas Jr. of Galesburg Mich., Mark of Rochester Hills, Mich., and Steven of Frankfort, Ken-

tucky., and a sister, Susan Ball Barber of Portage Mich.

A memorial tribute will be held 7:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at 307 Delancey St., Phila. A memorial mass was held on Sept. 18 in Michigan. Arrangements were handled by the Simple Alternative in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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