

# Frank Broderick, gay mag editor

Frank J. Broderick, co-founder and editor of the weekly gay news magazine Au Courant, died yesterday of complications from AIDS. He was 38 and lived in Center City.

Michael Labance, publisher of the news magazine and a co-founder 10 years ago along with Joe Youkanavitch, said:

"Frank first and foremost was a gay-rights activist. What was unique about Frank was that he was not in it for himself. Not in it for publicity. He was in it for what it really was — gay rights."

"That's what made me want to become a partner with him and open this business. He was definitely a giver. He was a good writer and people trusted him and gave him personal interviews they wouldn't give to others."

Labance said Broderick also was an outstanding editor who could fashion the roughest press release or story into a readable piece. "People loved to have their stuff edited by Frank," he said.

Raised in Havertown, Broderick received a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1976 from Penn

State University. He worked on the editorial staff of the Philadelphia Gay News for nearly seven years and also wrote a social column titled, "Trash." His column in Au Courant was called "Tidbits."

A guiding hand in the editorial policy and content of the publication, Broderick believed a newspaper or newsmagazine should report the news, not make the news, according to Labance.

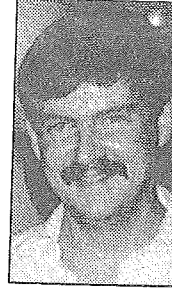
Basically a quiet man, Broderick was sometimes shy to the point that some people thought he didn't like them, said Labance, "yet that strong person came out in his writing."

Labance said that Broderick felt the election of President Clinton was a turning point for the gay and lesbian community.

Survivors include his parents, Rae and Francis Joseph Broderick; two sisters, Carrie Wood and Adele Broderick, and two brothers, Daniel and Richard.

A spokesman for the Piselli Funeral Home said a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 330 S. 13th St.

Contributions may be made to the Metropolitan AIDS Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance (MANNA), P.O. Box 30181, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103, or the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102. ■



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