

OBITUARIES

Ray Oechsler

Ray Oechsler, 38, died Nov. 13 of complications due to AIDS at his Philadelphia home. His companion, Coleman Terrell, was with him.

Until August 1994, Oechsler was employed by the Philadelphia law firm Stradley, Ronon, Stevens and Young. Prior to joining Stradley, he practiced law at the firm now known as Schatz, Paquin, Lockbridge, Grindal and Holstein in Minneapolis, Minnesota. At both firms, his practice concentrated on commercial litigation.

Oechsler served as a board member of the Philadelphia Dance Alliance, and was instrumental in producing the Transit Dances program, which, in 1994, brought dancers to the 30th Street Station and other locations.

Oechsler shared his many

talents with friends and causes. Among other things, Oechsler was an accomplished cook and a lover of art. He had a unique outlook on life, a great sense of humor. He was a friend to many in the Philadelphia area, as well as in Minneapolis and New York. As he had for many years, he enjoyed this summer at Fire Island Pines, N.Y., with his companion.

Oechsler was a son of Emil and the late Angelina Oechsler. In addition to his father and his companion, he is survived by his stepmother, Mary Oechsler of Cumming, Ga.; brothers Tom and Ron Oechsler; a sister, Nancy Locastro, and a nephew, Ian.

A memorial service will be announced. Contributions may be made to the Philadelphia Dance Alliance, 135 S. 23rd Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. ▼



John Louis Davila

John Louis Davila, 35, died Oct. 10 from complications due to AIDS at the home of his friend Jerome Ernst.

Davila was known for his perpetual smile and childlike exuberance. His habit of saying only good things about people endeared him to his many friends and acquaintances.

A tile setter by trade, he worked inside many homes and businesses in and around Philadelphia. He often stated the proudest moment of his life was when he was asked to share his talents in the remodeling of a home at the shore that was to be a part of an AIDS benefit.

After his friends and family, his greatest love was traveling. Having visited most of the European countries, he also had been to Morocco, Mexico, Hawaii and South America. The Caribbean Islands were also a favorite spot. His plans for a photographic safari to Kenya, East Africa, this past spring were cut short by his final illness.

Davila is survived by his mother, Joyce; three sisters, Joyce-Anne, Joanne and Tracy; and aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

A viewing was held Oct. 13 in Glendora, N.J.; interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Blackwood, N.J.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Hospice of the Delaware Valley, 527 Plymouth Road, Plymouth Meeting, Pa. 19462. ▼

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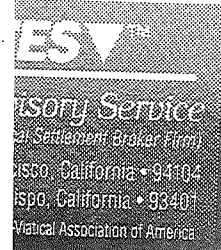
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