

OBITUARIES

Actor Howard Brunner, 51

MARIETTA, Ga.—Actor Howard Brunner, who portrayed Mr. Franklin in the Tony award-winning Broadway production of "Children of a Lesser God," has died of complications from AIDS.

Brunner, 51, died Nov. 12.

Brunner co-starred with Anthony Hopkins in "The Tempest" and with Leon Ames and Lurene Tuttle in "In Camera," both in Los Angeles. His film credits include "Freedom Road" with Muhammad Ali and Kris Kristofferson and the western "From Noon 'Til Three" with Charles Bronson.

He appeared as a guest star on such television shows as "Kojak," "Quincy," "The Incredible Hulk," "Police Story" and "Harry O" and had recurring roles in the daytime dramas "Another World" and "All My Children."

"He had quite a life," said his sister, Lyn McLaughlin of Marietta. She said he had moved

back to Marietta during his final illness.

His final stage appearance was in Atlanta in April 1990 as the storyteller in the Alliance Theatre production "Voice of the Prairie" when he was already very ill, she said.

"The part was beautiful for a last performance," she said. "It was a story of how radio came to the prairie. It fit him in that moment of his life."

Brunner's friends included Shirley MacLaine and Shirley Jones, and in earlier years he often babysat for Ms. Jones, mother of teen idols David and Shaun Cassidy.

In addition to his sister, Brunner is survived by his parents, Howard Brunner Sr. and Corinne Magill, both of Atlanta; and two brothers, Randy Brunner and Mark Magill.

Harold Hiawatha Wilkins, 33



Wilkins

Harold Hiawatha Wilkins died on Nov. 20, 1991 from kidney failure and AIDS-related illnesses.

Wilkins, 31, was born in Philadelphia and educated in the city's public school system. He continued his education at the Wilfred Beauty Academy, where he received his license in cosmetology. He was an independent hair dresser who lived in West Philadelphia, and attended Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Because of his love for all people, he joined The Job Corps for several years.

Wilkins is survived by his stepfather, three brothers and five sisters. He is also survived by many friends, all in the gay community, especially Cass and Leeni, who enjoyed his company.

Harold did not just do hair. He also brought warmth and humor to his friends, gave advice on problems, and was honest and open with everyone.

We will always have a special place in our hearts for Harold. He was loved for the short time he was on this earth.

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