

OBITUARIES

Greg Loos

Greg Loos died Nov. 21 after a long battle with AIDS. While he had HIV for years, it wasn't until the beginning of this year that he was diagnosed with progressive multifocal encephalopathy.

Loos touched many people in his life. He was knowledgeable about a wide variety of subjects and read constantly. His musical tastes were widely varied as well, from opera to '60s rock, to folk, jazz, country and more. He had a passion for art and archeology. Loos

loved to teach others.

Loos received a master's degree in social work in May 1994. He was a social worker at Philadelphia FIGHT. He was the first paid employee at FIGHT several years earlier. He had also worked at Graduate Hospital for several years, and at St. Christopher's Hospital.

In his last few months, he was surrounded by his lover, Alan Kraus, friends Bruce, Harry, Jack, Jane, Carol and

Rachael, and family members, including aunts Alice and Bobbie, and his grandmother, and his brother Scott.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Philadelphia FIGHT, 201 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107 or to MANNA, 18 S. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. Funeral services were held Nov. 25 in Pittsburgh. A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Dec. 5 at St. Luke and the Epiphany Church, 330 S. 13th St. ▼

AIDS researcher dies of apparent drug overdose

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SAN FRANCISCO — A researcher who helped pioneer the use of needle exchanges and bleach to prevent the spread AIDS of among intravenous drug abusers has died of an apparent overdose.

John Watters, an assistant professor in family and community medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, was lead researcher on an important 1994 study that showed needle exchange

programs help prevent the spread of the virus without luring newcomers to drug abuse.

He also helped pioneer the recommendation that addicts disinfect needles with bleach before reusing or sharing them to destroy the virus and stop its transmission.

According to a preliminary coroner's report, Watters, 47, was found dead Nov. 27 on a couch in his San Francisco apartment. A syringe, spoon and white powder lay on a

nearby table, and he had needle tracks on his arm.

The cause of death has been ruled a possible overdose, the report said. The type of drugs were not specified and the coroner's office continues its investigation.

Police found no suicide notes when they entered the apartment after Watters failed to show up for a visit with his girlfriend in New York City.

Colleagues were shocked by the news.

"He was a real advocate for people in the streets," said Dr. Peter Lurie of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, who worked with Watters on a new study of needle exchange programs.

"He was always at the edge," center director Dr. Thomas Coates said. "He was one of the original warriors. He was one of the people involved in AIDS injection drug use issues from the beginning, when it wasn't popular." ▼

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