Richard Neger

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Richard Neger, a local dancer and performer, died July 4, 1996, from AIDS-related complications.

He was 50 and lived in Northeast Philadelphia.

"Richard was a great person," said his cousin, Suzanne Gray. "He had such an original style. When his time was getting closer, I knew that he would die on July 4th. He did everything with panache."

Gray said she will remember her cousin's sense of humor.

"Through all of his trials, he was able to maintain that incredible sense of humor. I found it amazing. He always made me laugh. On the days he was funny, he would be on a roll. But his down days could be devastating as well."

"Richard was a very talented person," said his AIDS buddy, Gary Sarkessian. "He was in the graphic-design business for many years, and also worked in the restaurant business. He was a fabulous dancer. He cut a mean rug, and was very proud of his dancing abilities."

Friends said Neger produced his own dance shows and also worked with Les Harrison Productions.

Gray said Neger produced Song For Life, a 1992 AIDS benefit in Philadelphia.

Neger is survived by his lover, Joseph Ciccotello; his



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mother, Mae Neger of Pleasantville, N.J.; and an aunt, Virginia Emerson of Abington.

Burial was at Lawnview Cemetery in Rockledge. Memorial contributions may be made to Philadelphia Community Health Alternatives, 1642 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. ▼

Robert L. Cranmer

Robert Lewis Cranmer, 31, of Penn's Grove, N.J., died June 27 of injuries from an automobile accident.

Cranmer, a lifelong resident of Penn's Grove, worked at Red Barn Books and Video Store near the Fairview section of Camden, N.J.

He is survived by his companion, Richard Schatz; his parents, Lois Henry and Robert Cranmer; a stepsister, Renee Henry; and a brotherin-law, Mike Vega.

Services were held on July 2 at the Bagwell Funeral Home in Penn's Grove.



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Interment was at Eglington Cemetery in Clarksboro, N.J.

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