

Obituary

Charles Engel

Out Philadelphia resident Charles Engel, 75, a longtime activist in the gay community, died Oct. 12, 2005, at Presbyterian Medical Center in Philadelphia. No cause of death was given.



ENGEL

A Philadelphia native, Engel was a dedicated volunteer, working with a variety of organizations over the years, including ActionAIDS, of which he was a founding member. Engel served on the organization's board of directors and was chair of its nominating committee. He also served ActionAIDS as a volunteer

buddy, buddy team leader and facilitator of a support group for HIV-positive men over the age of 40.

Engel was also active in The Eromin Center, the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force, Philadelphia Community Health Alternatives, and the Philadelphia AIDS Task Force.

Engel was also an accomplished concert pianist and he served on the faculty of the Philadelphia Settlement Music School since 1952. He studied piano with Sylvia Noble-Fish and Natalie Hinderas.

He had a longtime professional partnership, playing duo piano with Monique Le Duc. Together they performed concerts in France and throughout the United States.

Friends say Engel loved music, literature, the theater and movies.

He was a graduate of Central High School and the University of Pennsylvania.

Engel is survived by his partner of 57 years, Albert Lister; a sister, Marilyn Levin; nieces and nephews and relatives; and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Oct. 22 in the Community Room of St. Luke and The Epiphany Episcopal Church, 330 S. 13th St. Memorial contributions may be sent to ActionAIDS, 1216 Arch St., sixth floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107 and/or Settlement Music School, 416 Queen St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19147.



Healing Service

11:00 am

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