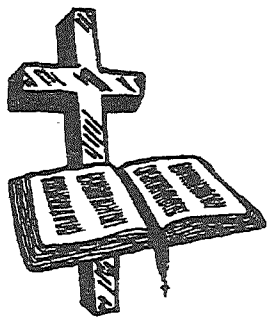


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death and to clarify the journey of the soul afterward.

He and Gordon were partners 10036. ▼

Joey Venuti

Joey Venuti, a former PGN columnist and manager of several bars and restaurants in the gay community, died Aug. 7, 1996, at The Graduate Hospital.

He was 56 and lived in Center City.

"The man [Venuti] was an institution in the black gay community because he had a

very positive influence on many people's lives," said a friend, Michael Leon. "He was a legend. He was well-respected by many in the community."

In the 1970s, Venuti wrote a column for PGN, mainly geared to the gay-bar crowd.

PGN publisher Mark Segal mourned Venuti's death.

"I'm truly saddened by Joey's death," he said. "He was an imposing figure on the gay business scene."

Venuti also owned Stars Too Bar and Restaurant at 13th and Sansom streets.

Leon said Venuti is survived by his father, Joseph, and best friend and business partner, Robert Durkin. ▼

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