

OBITUARIES

Michael Walker

Michael Walker, formerly of Center City Philadelphia and Willingboro, NJ, died quietly June 18, 1993, at the age of 35. Mike had been living courageously with AIDS for a number of years.

Michael was a gentleman whose greatest pleasures often came from the simpler things in life. He graduated from JFK High School in Willingboro and was a 1991 graduate of Burlington County College in Pemberton, NJ.

Michael's innermost character was impeccable. He was a loyal friend, able to see deep into people, far beyond our superficial shortcomings. He based his life's relationships on his belief in people's fundamental goodness. He focussed

on their best qualities and was always ready to give them another chance if they failed him. Mike gave a lot of himself. He was open, honest, and never afraid to put himself in an emotionally vulnerable position. His motives were always genuine. Michael's principles were of the highest caliber and throughout his life he seldom, if ever, wavered from them. Mike tirelessly practiced the Golden Rule.

Because this is who he was, Michael was often frustrated and disappointed with his community and the world. Yet he persevered, always quick to get up after being knocked down with his belief system and values unshaken. He never became cynical and was somehow always able to concentrate on the hopefulness of life. Those of us who

see this life as full of frustrating contradictions, often hurt by the world's seeming cruelty but even more often amazed by its beauty and the possibilities that life presents to us have lost the very best of friends and a kindred spirit.

For the last ten months, Michael had been a resident of a nursing home in Blackwood, NJ. A memorial Mass held there June 21 was attended by his family and friends from both here and Puerto Rico. His remains were cremated.

Sincere thanks to the staff of Red Oak Manor and especially to Susan DiAntonio whose genuine friendship and compassion brightened Mike's life and comforted him in his last months. She'll miss him for a long time and hopes that he had been able to find peace.

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strive for a funny-bitchy tone throughout, kind of like Rex Reed crossed with a baby boomer. This isn't the best camp film journalism—that honor belongs to the Harvard Lampoon—but it's close. In *Great Balls of Fire* Dennis Quaid is (quite rightly) characterized as a "good-in-other-movies actor" who "waggles his pencil-thin brows, flicks his bleached and permed locks, smacks his lips, blows Bazooka bubbles, and trashes pianos while lip-synching badly to [Jerry Lee] Lewis' tracks." *Xanadu* "grafted 40's whimsy together with late 70's muzak to pioneer "discokitsch." *Midnight Lace*: "Poor Doris Day: charming in comedies, winning in musicals, she was utterly ill-equipped to play lady-

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in-distress parts. Poor us: that didn't stop her from trying, again and again."

While a little of this goes a long way, Margulies and Rebello's plot analyses are spot-on and their ear for tin dialogue is perfect. *Bad Movies We Love* is bound to liven up many a dopey day at the beach and would make a great gift for any movie lover.

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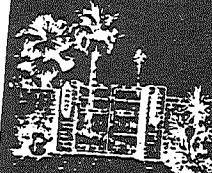


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