

In Memoriam



James McPhee
1963 - 1989

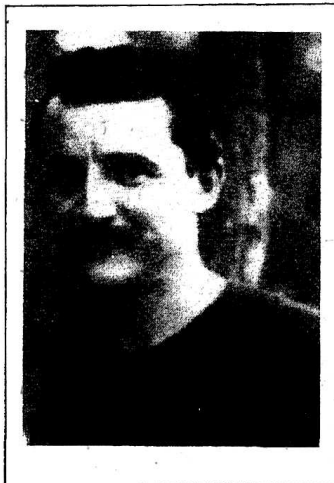
James McPhee died quietly at his home on November 30, 1989. He was 26. Survived by his companion Ward, his family and many friends, his loss is deeply felt by all. James will be remembered best as the long-time manager of Toronto's Glad Day Bookshop. His struggles against censorship and Canada Customs have affected us all. We are able to read and see more about ourselves as gay people in Canada because of his work. Sadly his battle is still unfinished.

At the beginning of 1988, James and his lover Alan, who died last year, worked to form AIDS ACTION NOW! and became part of the group's first steering committee. Their elegant livingroom held many long, intense meetings. Their house quickly became a headquarters for most of AAN!'s activities during the first exciting year. In the last year of his life, James withdrew from both the bookshop and his involvement with AAN! He spent much of it travelling and growing closer to his friends and family. Those who shared this time with him, remember it fondly.

*Take him, Earth, for cherishing
To thy tender breast receive him
Body of a man I bring thee
Noble, even in its ruin.*

Russell Armstrong

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Tony Vigers
1942 - 1989

Tony Vigers died last December. He had a devilish sense of humour and a wonderful sexual imagination. Over the last year, he worked for AIDS ACTION NOW! balancing the books, and making sure that our financial accounts were in order. This was not something new for Tony. After the bath raids in 1981 he joined the Right to Privacy Committee and worked as treasurer and as a member of the executive committee for five years until all the cases of those arrested had been won in court.

Tony lived with KS for nearly four and a half years before his death. He was one of the longest PLWA survivors in Toronto. Only in the last three months of his life did his health really deteriorate. He was born in England and came to Canada in 1948. He graduated from Ryerson with a diploma in business and accounting. A simple memorial service was held for Tony on December 14th. His ashes are to be scattered at his cottage in Muskoka in the spring.

George Smith