

Johnny Kwiatkowski

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Johnny Kwiatkowski, president of Detroit STUDS-30, passed away from a heart related condition on July 22, 1994. Johnny had been a respected member of Detroit's leather community for many years and was associated with several local and national leather clubs including Chicago Hellfire, Tribe M.C., and Wolf Pack S&M. Among his contributions, Johnny had lent his skills during the November 1993 fundraiser at the Detroit Eagle to benefit Affirmations' Bayard Rustin Center, was stage manager for several of Tribe's Do-A-Fool productions and helped coordinate fund-raisers for the March on Washington, MAPP, and the Names Project Detroit Chapter.

In Johnny's honor, a memorial was held October 2nd with over 30 people from the leather, gay and straight communities in attendance. It is suggested that memorial contributions be made to the Detroit Chapter of the Names Project.