

## Chester Cislo



Ferndale resident Chester Cislo died peacefully on Monday, September 5 at the Franklin Care Center. He was 49.

Born in Detroit on July 13, 1945 Cislo grew up in the mostly Polish neighborhood on Detroit's near west side. He attended Guardian Angels Elementary School and graduated from St. Casimir High School in 1963.

Cislo worked as a sexton at St. James Catholic Church in Ferndale until he took a medical retirement in 1993.

Cislo was very active and well known in the community. He was involved in sever-

al HIV/AIDS organizations including Friends Alliance where he had served on the Board of Directors, the Names Project and Wellness Networks where he recently had been appointed an honorary board member in recognition of his many volunteer activities. Cislo was a former member of the Detroit Together Men's Chorus and had represented that group on the Detroit Area Gay/Lesbian Council. He was a 25 year member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved to polka and was fond of travelling, but is best remembered for his seemingly boundless energy.

Cislo is survived by his mother, one sister and many friends and acquaintances.

Family funeral services were conducted on Friday, September 9 and he was buried in the family plot at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Algonac, Michigan.

A Memorial Service in Celebration of the Life of Chester Cislo will be held on Friday, September 30 at 7:00 pm at the Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, 2441 Pinecrest Drive in Ferndale (North of Nine Mile and West of Woodward). The Detroit Together Men's Chorus will sing. Memorial contributions should be made to Friends Alliance, AIDS Interfaith Network, Detroit Together Men's Chorus, or the Health Emergency Lifeline Program (HELP).