

days" he worked at Lelli's, Morey's and the Escape. It was at that time also, that he tried his hand at drag and performed, for a short while, under the stage name of Rickie Day. He later got very serious about role playing, and he began to do some work with community theatre. In recent years he had participated in productions in several parts of the Metro Detroit area. He played Jesus in the Novi Community Theatre production of "Jesus Christ Superstar," and had the lead role in "Anything Goes" in a Grosse Pointe community theatre production.

Shank had a wealth of friends both here in the Detroit area, and in Key West, Florida, where he lived for about six years. He always had a happy and bright disposition, and, despite the obvious pain at times, never complained.

Survivors include his lover Paul Edward Steczek, a sister, a close dear friend Dennis Dupre, and many friends and acquaintances. His body was cremated with final disposition to be in Key West.

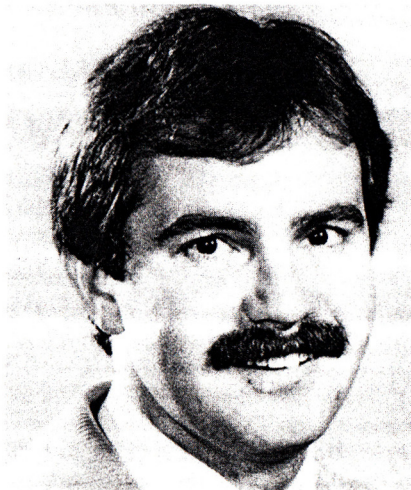
A Memorial Service celebrating the life of Richard Shank will be held on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30 pm at the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1050 Porter Street at Sixth, near downtown Detroit. The family has suggested that memorials be made to Wellness Networks.

Richard Shank

Richard Steven Shank of Old Redford died in his home of complications associated with AIDS on Thursday, February 27. He was 39.

Born in Detroit on January 28, 1952, Shank grew up in the Novi area. He attended school there and graduated from Novi High School in 1971.

After high school Shank began working as a waiter and bartender. In the "old



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