



*Richard W. Villaire*

Richard W. Villaire, 46, of Ferndale - MI, died January 19, 1995 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak after being involved in a pedestrian/automobile accident early in the evening.

A long-time community activist and organizer, Villaire set up the first support groups for people with AIDS in Detroit in 1982. He was founder of the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP), the state's HIV education and prevention organization and served as secretary and vice-president of that organization for eight years. He helped found Health Emergency Association of Detroit, another community based group that raises money for people living with AIDS. In 1983 Villaire was one of the first board members of Wellness Networks and also helped organize the state's first advocacy organization for people living with AIDS which is now known as Friends Alliance of Detroit.

Mr Villaire was born in Wyandotte and attended Roseville High School. He studied at Ferris State University and later Eastern Michigan University, graduating with a degree in psychology.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Midwest AIDS Prevention Project in Ferndale or the First United Methodist Church of Wyandotte.