

Dennis Duvall

Dennis Duvall, well-known in Ann Arbor and Detroit as female impersonator Lisa Carlisle, died August 31 in Ann Arbor following a short battle with cancer. He was 31.

Lisa Carlisle was a frequent hostess of events at The Nectarine — including the Lisa Carlisle Talent Review — and organized the Miss Nectarine contests at the club for several years. She held the title Miss Gay Ann Arbor 1985-86, which she won at the Rubaiyat just before that Ann Arbor club closed.

She was also a familiar performer in Detroit, appearing at numerous clubs including Backstreet, the Deck, Gigi's, Todd's, Footlights and the Pink Flamingo. Among audience favorites were her characterizations of Carol Burnett's cleaning lady, Ernestine the telephone operator, Bette Midler, one of the Andrews' Sisters and Julie Brown doing "Homecoming Queen's Got A Gun."

Carlisle was also subject of a documentary, "She's Not Ugly, She's My Brother," that has aired often on Ann Arbor Cablevision.

Prior to his death, Duvall was a manager at Frames Unlimited in Ann Arbor, and he held a Bachelor of Science degree in Arts Management from Eastern Michigan University. Services were held in his hometown of Monroe on September 3. Memorials may be made to the Catherine McAuley Cancer Care Fund, Ann Arbor.

