



**Dennis Duvall**

Friend and loved one of many in the Ann Arbor-Metro Detroit area, peacefully passed away on Monday, August 31st at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, with his parents at his bedside, and the love and best wishes of many of his friends in his heart. His bright and beautiful spirit is now free, after a courageous 7 month struggle with cancer. He was 31 years old. Dennis was known to many, and will be remembered by all who knew him as the fabulous Lisa Carlisle, Miss Gay Ann Arbor, the title that launched a career of one of southeastern Michigan's funniest and most talented M.C.'s and comedic performers. After winning the title of Miss Gay Ann Arbor at the Rubaiyat in 1985, Dennis never sought another contest, crown, or prize. He devoted his stage career to making his audiences laugh.

Widely known in the gay and lesbian community for his talent and professionalism, his often hilarious send up of famous numbers, and his popularity with every audience, Dennis will best be remembered for his lightening quick, razor sharp come-back wit as the M.C. of many a show.

After this Rubaiyat closed in 1986, the Miss Gay Ann Arbor contest was never held again, leaving Lisa Carlisle as the perpetually reigning Queen.

The Nectarine Ballroom then became home for this Diva of the dance floor during the following years, as Lisa Carlisle became the hostess for virtually every show staged there, introducing both nationally known performers and amateurs alike to the delight of the audiences, know for covering the dance floor, sitting cross-legged and shoulder to shoulder, as attentive as little kids in a reading class. A phenomena peculiar to the Nectarine and one that always made Lisa laugh.

And yet Dennis' greatest joy was to make others laugh, something he did in many a club, on many a stage for many an audience. To know Dennis was to love him, to know Lisa was to adore her. During his years in Ann Arbor, around Detroit, and as the First Lady of the Nectarine, he made many, many friends, all of whom will miss him profoundly.

A few lines, and a tune from one of Dennis' favorite comediennes, Carol Burnett:

"I'm so glad we had this time together...

Just to have a laugh and sing a song.  
Seems we just get started,  
and before you know it ---  
comes the time we have to say,



so long...goodnight everybody."

Goodnight Lisa, good-bye Dennis.

Your dear friend, Jim

Dennis Wayne Duvall is survived by his large and loving family of Monroe, MI, his "adopted" Ann Arbor family, his significant other, and friends simply too numerous to mention. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 3, 1992, at Allore Funeral Home in Monroe at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Mass at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Memorials may be made to the Catherine McAuley Cancer Care Fund, Ann Arbor.