

Gorgeous Gussy

The man best known to many gay Detroiters as Gorgeous Gussy, Augustus Rissman, died of kidney failure at Harper Hospital in Detroit on Thursday, May 22. He was 74.

Gorgeous Gussy was a well known entertainer and character from the 1960's and 1970's. She often entertained at places like LaRosa's, the Gold Dollar and the Diplomat and was known for a gravelly voice and gruff manner.

Survivors include two daughters, several grandchildren, his special friend Wally, and many other friends and admirers.

Funeral Services were held at the Risko Funeral Home in Detroit on Wednesday, May 28.

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