

Dan Sivil

Former Detroit area resident Daniel Ross Sivil died from a heart attack on Thursday, August 26 at the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital near Germantown, Maryland. He was 53.

A native Detroiter, Sivil received a Bachelor of Science degree with a Major in English from Wayne State University in 1971. From 1965 to 1983 Sivil worked for General Motors as a computer analyst/programmer. In 1983 Sivil moved to the Washington, D.C. area. At the time of his death he was employed at the D.C. Government Share Computer System in Washington, D.C.

Sivil was very active in the gay community both in Detroit and in the Washington area. He was a member of a number of Detroit area organizations in the late 1970's until he moved from the area. Memberships included the Association of Suburban People, the Motor City Business Forum, the Detroit Area Gay and Lesbian Council, the Michigan Organization for Human Rights, and the Palmer Clinic. Sivil served as President of the Association of Suburban People from 1979 to 1982 and chaired the Sexual Orientation Subcommittee of the Sexual Orientation and Affectional Preference Study Committee of the Michigan House of Representatives Civil Rights Committee.

When Sivil moved to Washington he joined the Virginia Gay Alliance, the Gay Employment Protection Project and the Gay and Lesbian Information Bureau, an on line computer information service. Sivil also worked on several local political campaigns in the Alexandria, Virginia area. He also was a member of the national Association for Personal Privacy and served as vice-president of that organization.

Funeral services were conducted in Garden City, Michigan and burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. A Memorial Service is planned for the Sunday, September 26 at Sivil's home in Germantown, Maryland.

Survivors include his close friend Stuart Harvey, of Germantown, Maryland, his mother and sister, and special friends Tom DePriest, John Meroney, Jon Larimore, David Walsh, Tom Hipp, Rick Jones, Michael Perrone, Frank Butler, and Dr. Arthur Warner.

Memorials may be made to the Computer Educational Services Foundation, P.O. Box 636, Arlington, VA 22216. The organization donates computer equipment and services to AIDS organizations.