

DAVID LEO NIETO

May 19, 1955 – September 16, 1994



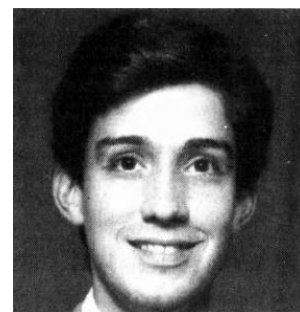
David was born on May 9, 1955, in Dallas, Texas, to Reverend Leo D. Nieto and Consuelo Vasquez Akin. He was the grandson of Reverend and Mrs. Simon Nieto and Mr. and Mrs. Leon V. and Raquel Vasquez of San Antonio, Texas. David entered into eternal rest suddenly from AIDS-related complications on Friday, September 16, 1994, while visiting his father in Hawthorne, California.

David grew up largely in Austin. He graduated from Reagan High School in 1973, where he sang in the choir and was a member of the Madrigal Singers. David attended the University of Texas in Austin as a Plan II student after placing out of his first eighteen freshman hours. He was active in the local Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) and was an officer in the Rio Grande Conference MYF.

In 1972, David went to Washington, D.C. as a staff person for the National Youth Organization. He received a B.A. degree in Urban Planning and Economics from American University and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Catholic University while working at the Library of Congress. He worked for the Library of Congress for eighteen years, starting in the Law Library and retiring from the U.S. Copyright office.

David was a member of Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., where he sang in the choir. David was a very loving, caring person with joyful ways. His righteous indignation at injustices in life made him a champion of the cause for human dignity. He was dearly loved and will be sorely missed by his family and a multitude of loved ones.

David is survived by his life-mate, Thomas Daniel Burney of Washington, D.C.; mother, Mrs. Consuelo V. Akin of Austin, Texas; father, Reverend Leo Nieto and Stepmother Mary Jean Friel-Nieto of Hawthorne, California; brothers and a sister, Mark Nieto and family and Timothy Nieto and family, Jonathan Nieto and by Nathan, Michael and Carolyn Nieto.



The family requests that donations be made in David's name to the Paul Kirby Fund, AIDS Services of Austin.