Ernest “Ernie” Eugene Hoffman

June 15, 1945 – May 7, 2004



Ernest E. of Washington, DC passed away on May 7, 2004 at the age of 58 at Casey House Hospice in Rockville, MD. He fought a courageous battle with lymphoma.

Ernie, as he was known to his many friends and colleagues, was born on June 15, 1945 in Faith, SD. A 1962 graduate of the South Dakota School for the Deaf, he received a bachelor’s degree in History from Gallaudet University in 1966 at the age of 20. In 1980, he received his master’s degree in Education Administration and Supervision from California State University, Northridge.

After graduating from Gallaudet, he worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for three years and then worked for Blue Cross/Blue Shield from 1969 to 1978, he moved to Colorado and became a vocational rehabilitation counselor for two years before moving back to Washington, DC to accept a position with Gallaudet’s Development Office. During his six years with the Development Office, Ernie instituted the highly successful TTY-A-Thon.



In 1986, Ernie transferred to the Peikoff Alumni House (“Ole Jim”) and worked as the Coordinator of Alumni Facilities & Records until his retirement in 2000. During his tenure in the PAH, he made significant improvements to the Upper Level so that alumni, friends of Gallaudet, and campus department could fully enjoy their events. In recognition of his outstanding service to the Alumni House and the Gallaudet University Alumni Association, he was presented with the President’s Award by the GUAA in 1989.

Ernie was a member and officer of many organizations. He was president and secretary of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf #64, president, secretary and treasurer of the Silent Athletic Club in Denver, president f the Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf, secretary and treasurer of the Metro Mixed Bowling League, advisor to the Alpha Sigma Pi Fraternity at Gallaudet and president of the International Alpha Sigma Pi Alumni Association until his passing. He also serve as editor of the Dee Cee Eyes newsletter and was an active member of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association, the Capital Metropolitan Rainbow Alliance, and the D.C. chapter of Highwaymen TNT. Ernie was an avid bowler and a die-hard Philadelphia Eagles fan. Main.

He was survived by one brother, Maryln J. Hoffman Lusk, WY; three sisters, Mary Anne Hoffman Palmer, Faith, SD; Delores Hoffman Fair, Gordon, NE; and Myrna Hoffman Collins, Faith, SD; and nine nieces and nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Gottfried Hoffman and Anna Gertrude Susan Moelter Hoffman, and two brothers, John Edward Hoffman and Charles Eugene Hoffman. He was predeceased by his partner, William Revell, in 2000.

Memorial Service was held on September 17, 2004 in the Peikoff Alumni House (“Ole Jim”) at Gallaudet University, Washington, DC.