

Dr. Anthony Welsh

Dr. Anthony Patrick Welsh of Ann Arbor died on Wednesday, August 14 of complications associated with AIDS after a twelve year battle with the disease. He was 38.

Welsh was born in Dearborn Heights and got his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. He then went on to the University of Osteopathic Medicine in Des Moines, Iowa where he graduated with honors.

After graduation from medical school he joined the U.S. Army Medical Corp as a commissioned officer and was assigned to Darnell Army Hospital in Killeen, Texas where he was named Chief Resident. He later served as Chief of Emergency Services at the Presidio in San Francisco and went on to complete his medical career with West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Illinois.

In 1990 Welsh was named Director of AIDS Education for the Test Positive Aware Network in Chicago. Two year's later, he established Ann Arbor's first HIV Educational Speaker Bureau with the HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC). He was a frequent lecturer on HIV/AIDS to medical and dental students at the University of Michigan.

Friends remember Dr. Welsh for his compassion, humor and integrity. He was an artist, an author, an avid gardener, and a skill-crane aficionado.

Survivors include his life-partner of ten years, Robert Norwood, his parents, two brothers, two sisters, ten nieces and nephews, his many friends and colleagues, and Darby and Nigel.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, August 17 at the Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Ann Arbor. Memorial contributions may be made to the HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) of Washtenaw County.

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