

# AIDS activist and doctor dies

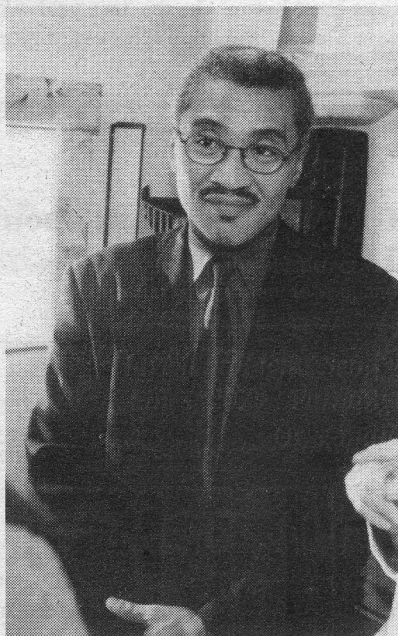
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Isabello C. Reyes, Jr., MD, worked tirelessly and stood on the front lines advocating for the rights, providing care and instruction, free of charge, for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. He was the board chair and lead trainer for Gospel Against AIDS/ Global Research, Education and Training Networks (GREATNES). He was our cornerstone.

Reyes was born on Nov. 19, 1955 to Isabel and Lillian Reyes in Maywood, Illinois, where he lived until adulthood. He was a member of Word of Faith and served in the Kingdom Business Association.

Dr. Reyes, affectionately known as "Izzy," has a long list of professional and educational accomplishments. He was the staff physician and Regional Health Coordinator for the Texas Department of Corrections, staff physician at Mercy Family Care, and was at the helm of his private practice at Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Dr. Reyes was also Medical Director for the Detroit Community Health Connection and Associate Vice President of Medical Affairs for Mercy Hospital, both in Detroit. In partnership with two other physicians, Dr. Reyes served as an Internal Medicine Specialist in the Primary Care Office, where he openly received, cared for, and prayed for many patients.

He unreservedly shared his knowledge, as he shared his heart as an instructor at Wayne State University, University of Michigan and



the University of Detroit, to name just a few. He was a member of the American College of Physicians/American Society of Internal Medicine, American Medical Association, and the Michigan State and Detroit Medical Association. His licenses, board certifications and honors are numerous.

Reyes passed on September 27, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Vanessa Reyes, daughter Kesha (RaShad), son Kyle, and three grandchildren.