## Memorial Tribute for Charles E. Tyson

We have lost one of the most dedicated and respected leaders of Michigan's Gay Community with the death of Charles E. Tyson, 43, of Ann Arbor. Chuck was best known to the Gay community as the Vice-President of the Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR) for the last two years. He was the driving force behind very successful membership drives, direct mail campaigns, innovative fundraising programs, and for many new programs within the Gay community. Chuckwas a board member of the Republican Gay organization Concerned Americans for Individual Rights (CAIR), and worked with a host of other community groups and charities including the Ann Arbor Ark, the symphony and the arts, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Republican party, and the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

Chuck suffered a major heart attack in late August and passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 27. He is survived by many relatives as well as his lover of many years, Steve Taylor. Chuck was an inspiration to many in MOHR and will be missed by many, many friends and loved ones in the state-wide community. Chuck's family wishes memorial gifts to be made to the Diabetes Association, the Michigan Organization for Human Rights, or the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

- Craig Covey



