

Obituary

'Mr. Detroit Eagle' dies



Larry Kunkle passed away March 10.

Larry "Chip" Kunkle, 37, of Ferndale passed away on March 10 after a prolonged stay at the University of Michigan Hospital.

Kunkle was involved in local community and social activities, including Wonderful Animals Giving Support, the

Human Rights Campaign and the Triangle Foundation.

He was recently named "Mr. Detroit Eagle 2002" and was to represent the Detroit area in the "International Mr. Leather" contest scheduled for May.

He used his status to help promote his favorite causes and charities. His friends and family continued these efforts, after his death, with a silent auction in his memory on March 22 at the Detroit Eagle Club. All the proceeds went to W.A.G.S.

Kunkle graduated from Warren High School in 1973 and obtained a bachelor of science degree in advertising from Ferris State University in 1987.

After graduation, he held various positions in advertising and journalism. He was employed as a technical computer programmer at EDS before his death.

Because of his love for working in the yard and garden, he received the "Ferndale Beautification Award" for 2001. He enjoyed spending his time with his partner, Peter Mitchell, and his dogs, D.J. and Ashley.

Kunkle opened his home for social gatherings such as hosting a weekly "Queer As Folk" night and annual Academy Awards party.

Kunkle is survived by his parents, Lawrence and Beatrice Kunkle of Lake Dorset, brother Kurt (Stephanie) Kunkle of Illinois, sister Kay (Bruce) Weber of Rochester, niece Claire Kunkle, and nephews Benjamin Weber and K.J. Kunkle.

Special memorial tributes can be sent to W.A.G.S. at the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project, 429 Livernois, Ferndale, MI 48220 or the Triangle Foundation, 19641 W. Seven Mile, Detroit, MI 48219.