Album assembled by Darol Nance, Deaf AIDS Ctr
JOHN SMITH
5-19-'89
JOHN CANADY
3-25-'86
CHRIS COVEY
DEC 1985
ANCHOR INTRO: AIDS. Each day another one of us is at least emotionally touched by this always fatal disease. WITH THE FAMILY IN MIND, here's News 74's Valerie Coleman.

VALERIE: No matter how much warning -- no matter how much knowledge -- death is still a surprise and hurts just as badly.

In the midst of a family wedding this weekend -- an absolutely joyful moment -- I received a phone call that my friend, John Smith, had died from AIDS. It made me instantly know that there is a very thin line between joy and sorrow.

John Smith -- that is his real name -- was my teacher. He was a deaf man who taught me another means of communication. He taught me and my children his only language -- sign language. He used to come to our home every Tuesday and Thursday evening and for two hours -- gently, painstakingly without words -- taught us the communication of the deaf. He was a patient and generous teacher. A quiet man -- out of necessity and out of personality. He gave my children what they called "a secret language". He warmed our home with his presence. He never imposed, never demanded, never made us feel that we must adjust to who he was. He gave us the opportunity to share a part of him that never compromised who we were.

We are -- as a family -- attending John's memorial service tonight. We are -- as a family -- now personally aware that AIDS is not a discriminating disease. It doesn't chose, exclude or pass over. We may not die from it -- but, we die with it because of those it takes. And, unfortunately, at some time, at some point in everyone's life -- AIDS will make you cry. WITH THE FAMILY IN MIND, I'm Valerie Coleman. News 74 KCBS.
A Tribute to John Smith

Editor:

On May 19, 1989, the deaf community lost a fine human being. John Smith, an ASL instructor at San Francisco State University died that day of the deadly AIDS disease. I was very fortunate to have known John as one of his students at State. John was fun, warm, and friendly instructor who took the time to work patiently with students. His sense of humor and enthusiasm definitely made ASL more enjoyable and learnable. But at the same time, John also taught us about issues facing the deaf community, as well as to have respect for the community and deaf culture.

Away from the classroom, I knew John as a friend. He was a helpful person who assisted me with my studies not only from his class but also from another class as well. He supported me with a project I was initiating to work with deaf students. And oftentimes, he just took time out to talk.

John was a very well-liked person to all who knew him, and it certainly is not difficult to understand why. To his family, friends, and students, John Smith will definitely be missed, but our memories of him will no doubt stay with us.

Patrick Lee, San Francisco
Smith Family
PLEASE JOIN US WITH HONOR AND LOVE FOR JOHN DARCY SMITH AT THE AIDS CANDLELIGHT MARCH SUNDAY MAY 28 8:00 PM

BECAUSE OF JOHN’S LOVE FOR THE STYLES OF THE 50’S WE WILL MEET...

WE WILL BE DRESSING IN CLOTHES FROM THE 1950’S

BETWEEN 7:00 AND 7:30 PM ON THE CORNER OF 18TH ST. AND DOLORES. AT 7:30 WE WILL WALK UP 18TH ST. TO CASTRO. THE MARCH BEGINS AT 8:00 AND GOES FROM THE CASTRO TO THE CIVIC CENTER. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A CANDLE AND A PLASTIC CUP BECAUSE OF THE WIND

FOR MORE INFO... 533-4223 (voice) OVER
Contributions in John's memory may be made to:

Rainbow Deaf Society
PO Box 1606
SF, CA 94101

Please make checks payable to: "Rainbow Deaf Society/Community AIDS Project"
Please also indicate that the donation is made in memory of John.
Don Parodi

Pat Zinovitch
Tommy Saavedra
Julio Genao

Frank Lester
Dear Darol,

Julio said to you "Aloha I am enjoying Hawaii but I am still sick." We both really appreciate your warm support and for your being so helpful.

Warm Regards

Julio & Frank

Mrs. Darol Nance
259 Lake Herced Hill N.
San Francisco, CA 94132

James Baer

Photograph: "Diamond Head and Black Point" - this colorful photograph of Oahu's famous volcano and exclusive residential peninsula was taken from a HATS flightseeing aircraft.
Genao siblings from Dominican Republic
Hi JULIO!

This is where I am for most of the summer. You are in my thoughts!

"JAROL"
Geneo brothers
In loving memory

Julio Núñez Genao

July 15, 1955 - July 14, 1989

A potluck
Memorial / Celebration of Julio's Life

is tentatively scheduled for
Tuesday, August 15, 6:30 p.m.
at St. Benedict's Gym, 2891 Bush St., San Francisco
Call for confirmation: 567-0438 (tty), 567-9256 (voice)

Instead of flowers, please send donations to:

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AIDS Memorial Service at St. Mary's in San Francisco
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Ed Cruickshank

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Guy Wonder

Arthur Simon
Philip Hildreth
Anthony Rheim
Dear Darol

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thanks for your hospitality last weekend. Martha and I did so enjoy our woodland retreat. Also to express again my thanks for everything you did for Paul.

Sincerely,

Jane Lee