

## **FEIN, Michael 1947 - 2012**

Michael David Hanna-Fein died peacefully in his sleep from the complications of Crohn's disease. Michael left us early Monday morning, February 27, 2012, in the Palliative Care Unit of the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal. He is survived by his loving husband, Arnold Hanna-Fein. Michael is also survived by his stepmother, Martha Fein, and his two step sisters, Marlyn Cheshes and Bobbie Phucas (both nee Fein) and other loving family members. He was predeceased by his only daughter, Dara, in 1974 whom he dearly missed all his life.

Michael was born in New York City on July 11, 1947, and was adopted by his parents, Benjamin and Sylvia Fein of Bellerose, Queens. He started singing at a young age, and worked under the names Dave Michaels or Locklear as a night club singer, musical theatre performer, actor and radio personality until his health started to fail him in the 1970s. He owned a small grocery outlet for a time in Brookline, Massachusetts, where his charismatic personality made him a favourite of his customers. In 1985, Michael's health problems forced him onto Disability.

He was re-born on the Internet in the early nineties when he published the Yiddish Glossary of words and expressions, which was quickly followed by the online magazine, The Gantseh Megillah, and, for a short time, he owned and edited Being Jewish magazine. Despite being in chronic pain, and wheelchair bound, Michael developed a rich life online and he voraciously participated in many political, health, Jewish, and gay forums and support groups. Everywhere he went, including during his lengthy hospital stays, he touched people with his forthrightness, humour and compassion. He developed warm relationships with an extensive support circle at both Salem and the Jewish General hospitals.

A Memorial Event will be held on March 31st, at 2 P.M. at a location in Montreal TBA soon. If you would like to attend please write compuyid@gmail.com You can visit Michael's online Glossary and magazine at <http://www.pass.to>.

Michael would appreciate it if you remember him in your own special way: make a contribution, commit to an act of kindness, hold your family and friends dear, tell them that you love them, and if you must give flowers, give them to someone who will enjoy them today. Rest in peace, dear Michael. Send expressions of sympathy at [www.kanefetterly.com](http://www.kanefetterly.com)