



## **Michael Saya-Moore**

**Nov. 6, 1951-Nov. 28, 2007**

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Michael, beloved husband of Kevin, passed away November 28, 2007 at the age of 56. He was a retired speech language therapist, having worked in Calgary, Kelowna and New Zealand, working with those recovering from stroke and brain injuries. He also worked at The Living Positive Resource Centre in Kelowna.

At one time, Michael was responsible for training volunteers (with what is now known as the Speakers Bureau) to do community outreach on prevention and living with AIDS; and by sharing his own fear with others and telling his own story, others were open to learning about the epidemic.

He was also a musician, and singer, and member of Vancouver Men's Chorus 2001-02(until his health prevented him), a member of The Celebration of Life Centre in Vancouver and a contributing member of the Vancouver Art Guild for the past few years. Michael had a passion for hiking in the mountains, and felt closest to spirit when in nature.

Special thanks to Dr. Voigt, the Centre for Excellence, Dr. Montaner, Mary Petty, Wallace Robinson, the Thursday Support Group and the Pacific Spirit Community Health Unit.

Kevin and Michael were married on May 19, 2001 at The Vancouver School of Theology. Both Kevin, and Michael's mother, Therese, were with him when he passed. His mother loved and supported Michael to the end. A Memorial Service was held for Michael on Dec. 3, at St. John's United Church.