



Dr. Norman Posner

July 28, 1933 - April 18, 2024

Dr. Norman Ames Posner died peacefully at home on April 18, 2024. He is survived by his loving husband Graham Farrell, his nephew David Posner of San Francisco and his niece Jennifer Posner of Los Angeles.

Norman's life was one that was very well lived. He was born in New York City on July 28, 1933. His parents were Dr. Samuel Posner and Valeria Posner. Norman followed his father to become a doctor of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He had a brilliant career at Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn and later on in life practiced Albany Medical Center where he was also on the faculty. He was an expert in Diabetic women who had special needs in prenatal care.

Medicine was just one of Norman's interests. He was an antique dealer and very involved in the historic restoration of two homes. One in Park Slope, Brooklyn and later he and his partner of many years, Charles Baker, purchased an historic home in Hudson, NY, Hudson Bush Farm, a home originally built by Colonel Henry Van Rensselaer in 1785. He and Charles lovingly restored Hudson Bush Farm over many years and created a world famous garden there.

Norman was also involved with many other projects in the City of Hudson. The Hudson Opera House was one of them. He spent many years as a volunteer

at the Hudson Library and the House Of History in Kinderhook, NY. Norman could very easily be called one of Hudson's "new pioneers", very involved and concerned with how the city was growing.

He was engaged in philanthropy, as well. He and Charles Baker hosted the first fundraiser for the Lambda Legal Defense fund, which dealt with equal rights for the LGBTQ community. During the height of the AIDS crisis many of their friends were housed and cared for under their roof at Hudson Bush Farm. Norman was always there to help or give good advice.

Late in life, and after the death of Charles, Norman reconnected with an old friend, Graham Farrell. That connection was a lasting one and they were one of the first gay couples to get legally married in the state of Iowa where Norman had gone to medical school. It was a great and loving bond that they shared and Graham was there to care for Norman during his last, rather difficult, years. Norman and Graham lived in the city of Hudson, NY and it was there that Norman was able to create another great garden.

Norman will be sadly missed by his many friends and continues to be an inspiration to those that knew him.