

In Memoriam, Michael Gold

August 23, 1955 to April 22, 2006



He was born in New Jersey to Wally and Fredda Gold. His lifelong passion for music was nurtured by his dad, a successful music industry veteran, who co-wrote Lesley Gore's "It's my Party" and "It's Now or Never" by Elvis Presley. He is survived by his mother, brother Eric Gold, sister Lisa Gorman, brother-in-law Kevin Gorman, nieces Samantha, Kelsey and Jessica Gorman, Lauren Gold and nephew Christopher Gold, all residing in New Jersey.

Michael had a beautiful mind and heart and will be sorely missed. He graduated from MIT with a music degree in 1979. In the early 1980's, he lived in the UK and the Netherlands for 2.5 years, mostly in Amsterdam. Michael could truly say non-ironically that he'd left his heart in Amsterdam when he moved to San Francisco. He worked as an engineer at EFI, Hotwired, CNET, E-Online and others.

Michael played flute, bass, and piano; he played in a succession of local bands in the 1980's, including the Heartless Baboons and Idiot Savant. He liked quirky and difficult to characterize music and films. He mostly read non-fiction, but was a big fan of Don Barthelme and E.L. Doctorow. In the late 1990's he developed a passion for astronomy. In recent years, he frequently informed his friends with a selection of political commentary gleaned both from the blogosphere and from conventional news media. Politically incorrect as he feared some might find it, he enjoyed following baseball (mainly the Giants) and to a lesser degree, basketball, tennis and curling. Michael was buried in a private ceremony in New Jersey on Friday April 28th.

A memorial for his San Francisco friends will be held on Saturday May 6th at Connecticut Yankee at 1 pm. Questions? contact astroboy6362@hotmail.com