

Transsexual pioneer Jorgensen dies

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. — Christine Jorgensen, the first public transsexual, died of cancer at the age of 62 on May 3. Jorgensen, who attracted international attention in 1952, was the second person ever to undergo a sex-change operation.

Jorgensen received the operation in Denmark, where early sex-change surgery was being developed. Upon returning to the U.S., Jorgensen was deluged by the press, although she was banned from television, according to *UPI*.

The International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) has established the Christine Jorgensen Memorial Fund, which will “assist in the implementation of transsexual education objectives and address other transsexual issues.” For information about the fund, contact IFGE at P.O. Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778.

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