

**Isreal Padilla**, 26, also known as performer Sophia Black, passed away due to complications of AIDS on August 21, 1995.



A native of Puerto Rico, he was raised in the Bronx, New York and moved to Dallas in 1988. He began doing female impersonation performances and was a success. He was a beautiful man, a beautiful woman and a beautiful human being. He was the reigning Miss Buddies. Until illness forced his retirement, he was manager of American Locksmith in

Denton.

He is survived by his lifemate, Mark Miller; mother, Lillian Perez; father, Isreal Padilla; sisters Marie and Lillie Padilla; nephew, Dary Crews; and an aunt, Aurea Perez.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, Aug. 26 at Metrocrest Funeral Home, 1810 N. Perry in Carrollton. A service is also planned at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27 at Buddies, 4025 Maple (front bar).

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