

Jeffrey Michael Jeffrey Michael Dowsett, 57, formerly of New Britain, departed this life suddenly at his home in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on Friday, (March 12, 2004).

Jeff was born on November 23, 1946, in New Britain, the son of Mary (Lynch) and Raymond Dowsett. He graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in 1964. Jeff earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Villanova University in 1968. Jeff then spent the following year as a VISTA volunteer in Hartford and working at the Hartford State Jail.

Then he entered the Teacher Corps program, working in Hartford's inner city schools. Jeff earned an M.S. in Elementary Education from the University of Hartford in 1972. Jeff then volunteered in the Peace Corps in Ecuador. Afterward, Jeff relocated to Atlantic City, where he participated in the Jail on Wheels educational program.

In 1979, he began working in several hotels, eventually becoming general manager at Biscayne Suites in Ocean City, NJ, where he was most recently employed.

Jeff also taught ESL at Atlantic Cape Community College. He volunteered for Literacy Volunteers of America as an ESL tutor. Jeff was also active as a director of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce. Through Jeff's unselfish service to others, he touched many lives.

Jeff leaves behind his family and many fond friends whose lives he has touched over the years, especially his sister and her husband, Janice and Stephen Potter of Suffield; his brother and his wife, Dr. Robert Dowsett and Dr. Susan Halley of Farmington, his brother, Steve, of New Britain; his uncle, Robert Smith of New Britain; his nephews, Tyler and Devin Potter, and Jake Dowsett; several cousins; many dear and close friends in Atlantic City, and his beloved pets, Lady, Penny, and Milagro. A celebration of Jeff's life will be held on Saturday, March 20, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Atlantic City. Friends may call at the church at 10 a.m. The Gormley Funeral Home in Atlantic City is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Literacy Volunteers of America, 743 North Main St., Pleasantville, NJ 08232. In honor of Jeff, the family asks that you share a kindness with others. –