

A Tribute to Roger Nicholas Webster

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This past October 3rd 2011, Roger Nicholas Webster passed away. He was a dear friend to many, including those at the American Cancer Society. Tragically and ironically, Roger succumbed to cancer, a disease he fought against so valiantly and one that during his lifetime he worked passionately to try to help eradicate. Roger was 65 years old and is survived by his sister Lynn and his brother Larry.

An economics major at the University of Minnesota, Roger headed to New York City upon graduation. While Roger's time on this earth was not nearly long enough, he lead a full and varied life, one in which he wore many hats. Roger had a green thumb and at one time had his own gardening firm. Professionally, Roger had a successful career in public relations working with his dear friend R. Couri Hay, as well as his own firm with his partner Jason Grant. Prior to this, Roger was a journalist. Amongst the publications for which he wrote were *The National Enquirer*, *Social Affairs* (for which he was the Society Editor), *15 Minutes Magazine*, and the website *New York Social Diary*. An avid photographer, Roger's work was published in numerous venues. Roger was also an accomplished and talented painter. His



paintings were appreciated by many, including this writer as well as Queen Elizabeth II, who has one of Roger's paintings in her private collection.

Roger's true passion, however, was acting. He pursued this dream on and off for most of his life. When Roger spoke of acting, there was a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face. In June of 2011, he scored a triumph in a workshop of *One Act Plays* produced by Deena Levy. In addition, Roger played the role of Errol Flynn in the theatre production of *Paradise Misplaced*, as well as performed in the hit *My Three Angels*, again scoring a major success. Additionally, Roger studied singing and sang in several showcases.