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Dr. Don Clark, commenting on the growing gay spirituality in The New Loving Someone Gay, quotes a young man whose lover has just died: "I thank God that Gene and I found each other," he said. "No matter how long we live, we're in this life a short time... He helped me to see that we're here such a short time it just doesn't make any sense to give any less than the best you have to give. We did that for each other. We gave each other the best we had. Thank God."

A DEATH IN THE FAMILY

Our love and CLOSER support go out to George M. at the loss of his life partner, Jim C., to AIDS January 16, 1989. Jim and George were part of our community and our family, and we shall keep both of them in our hearts. We'll always remember Jim as a kind and gentle man who improved the day of every person whose day he touched. George, your devotion to Jim was an inspiration to us all. Please remember that our arms are open to you.

THANKS

To Pete T., for designing the new masthead for CLOSER CONNECTIONS, and for donating the monthly printing of CONNECTIONS. What a great boost, Pete!

To all those who contributed to making the Christmas party so fun, including Richard P. and Tom for decorations, Warren T., Bill S., and the CLOSER Choir for songs, and Fred M., a.k.a. Santa!

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To new member Betty S. for answering last month's call for a new bulletin board. Combining her highly developed skills of carpentry and sewing, Betty has made us a stunning, yet practical bulletin board (It folds to store easily!). What invaluable fixtures! (Both Betty and her bulletin board.)