In Memoriam

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As many HIVers triumphantly leap into 2004, we also mourn the loss—in one week—of three long-term survivor AIDS activists and one esteemed artist: **Evan Ruderman**, 44, Health GAP cofounder, feminist trailblazer for blue-collar women and one of the first unionized female electricians in New York City, died of AIDS November 18 (see "Work 2000," *POZ*, January 2000)…**L. Joel Martinez**, 50, Center for AIDS founding director and treatment advocate, died of cancer November 12 in Houston… Treatment activist **Carlton Hogan**, 42, a clinical-trials statistician and Coalition for Salvage Therapy member, died of AIDS in Minneapolis November 18…HIV positive actor and dancer **Gene Anthony Ray**, who starred as Leroy in the 1980 film and TV series *Fame*, died November 14 in New York City at 41 from stroke complications.

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