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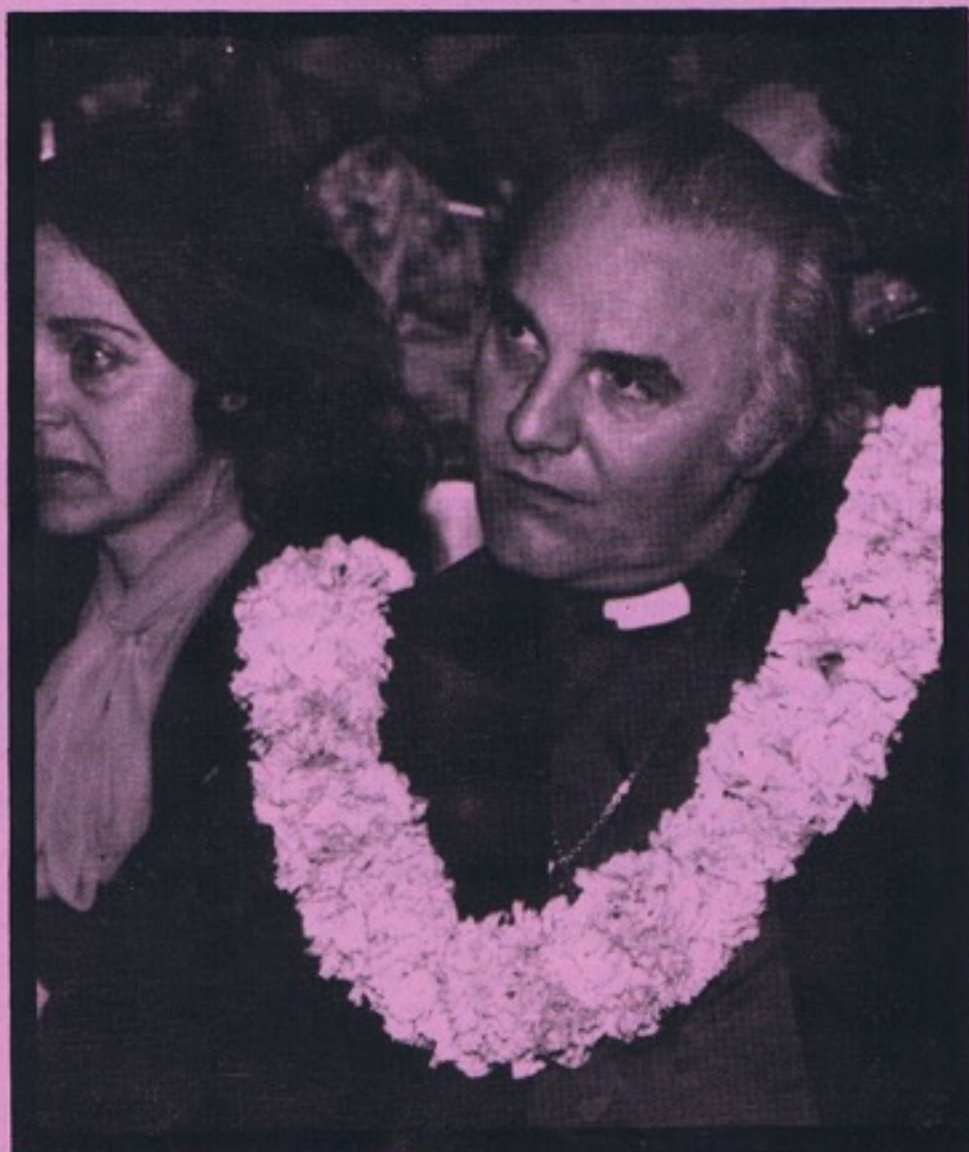
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# Rest Stop Founder Dies

by Paul Steindal

A friend of Rest Stop has recently died. Jim Sandmire was instrumental in the development and continuation of our programs. Even during his long battle with AIDS, he worked hard in helping to provide a supportive facility for many. He spent tireless hours behind the scenes generating financial and community support for efforts and for that we are grateful.

Jim was the pastor of Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church, our initial sponsors. Jim was a person of incredible spiritual strength. He was a spiritual mentor to quite a few people. He was a person who was one of the most non-judgmental persons I've ever encountered. His ability to be sensitized and present to people was absolutely incredible. He had an uncanny ability to affirm people wherever they were in the walk. We will miss him.



*Jim Sandmire*

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**Reverend James E. Sandmire — founded Rest Stop after the death of his son, Dean Sandmire of AIDS. Jim also died of AIDS more than a year later**

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