

Resolution



*A Celebration of Life
A Resolution in Loving Memory of*

Vera "Christy" Kinsler

We honor the life of Vera "Christy" Kinsler, a leader, a sister, a union member and a caregiver.

Christy was committed to fighting for and representing those who had no voice. Her life was committed to serving her community, her family and her friends.

Known to many as "Mama Stonewall," in 1997, Christy co-founded the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas with friends and activists Gary Fitzsimmons, Bill Fry, and Michael Milliken. They recognized a need for a partisan Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender organization to fight for politicians who would fight for equal rights and she served as the organization's first president.

Christy was also active as a union member in first the Transport Workers Union when she worked for Braniff, and then with the Communications Workers of America when she worked for Southwestern Bell. Her work and advocacy merged when, as Gary Fitzsimmons says "...her union experience was at the root of her belief in the power of organizations to transform political life and the critical necessity of building those organizations."

She is remembered as an outgoing, unpretentious, welcoming, nonjudgmental person who would give herself tirelessly to any cause or candidate she believed in. She was plain spoken and genuine, characteristics that inspired trust in her opinions and led many to follow her. Anyone who had worked on projects with her, as we have, will always remember her raucous, unbridled laugh which echoes in our memories.

Christy Kinsler helped to pave the way for so many who followed. She will be missed and remembered. Our community is the lesser for her passing but the better for her being here.

Respectfully submitted on the 2nd day of October, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theresa M. Daniel".

*Theresa M. Daniel
Dallas County Commissioner, District 1*