

# IN MEMORIAM

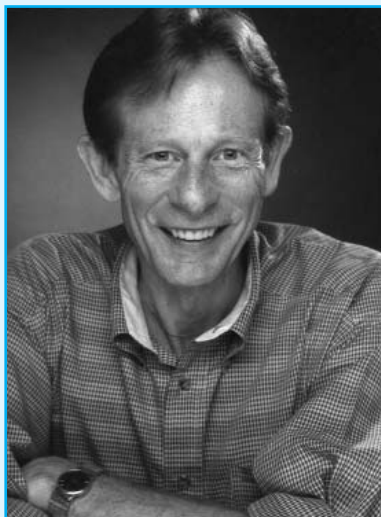
## Joseph L. Romance, PhD, LCSW, TEP

By Dale Buchanan

Joseph L. Romance, PhD, LCSW, TEP, passed away from lung cancer on September 04, 2008. He is survived by his seven brothers and sisters, his father, his many friends and colleagues, his 25 year business colleague and friend Michele King, and his life partner, Roli. He is interred at the family plot next to his mother in Buffalo, New York.

Joe was the eldest of 8 brothers and sisters and was born and raised in Arcadia, NY. He joined the seminary at 13 and later joined the Peace Corps and was stationed in Costa Rica. After the Peace Corps, Joe settled in Florida where he obtained both a master's degree and a doctorate degree in social work from Barry University. He had a thriving private practice of individuals, couples and families. He also taught courses at Barry University and was a frequent presenter at numerous local and regional conferences and meetings.

In 1991 he discovered psychodrama and became a founding member of the Miami Psychodrama Training



group co-directed by Nina Garcia and Dale Richard Buchanan. He was certified as a practitioner in 1999, and as a trainer, educator and practitioner in 2004. From 2000 to 2003 he served on the Board and as Ethics Chair resolved two highly complex and difficult ethical cases. He received the Neil Passariello Award from the ASGPP in 1999, and had been a presenter at their annual meeting for many years. He wrote a chapter on "Couples Therapy" for Jacob Gersoni's book, *Psychodrama in the 21st Century*. At the time of his passing, Joe was Editor of the ASGPP newsletter, PNN.

Joe was also a certified Zumba Instructor. Insomniacs can catch a glimpse of him in the late and early hours by viewing him in a television infomercial for Zumba. His family requests memorial donations be sent to either the American Cancer Society or the Joe Romance Psychodrama Scholarship Fund (contact Sue McMunn at (239) 877-3381 or act1sm@aol.com).