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cate. His clients included the humble and the powerful, for he gave freely of his talents and his time to all who asked. He was a longtime member of the Vermont Bar Association and was admitted to practice in the states of Tennessee and South Dakota and before the Blackfoot Tribal Court.

He was a tireless advocate for civil rights and human rights in Vermont. In 1969, he was lead counsel in the case that struck down Vermont's law against abortion. He served on the Board of Trustees of Planned Parenthood of Northern New England, Dismas House, Lambda

Civil Rights Commission. He received the Vermont ACLU Lifetime Achievement Award and Civil Liberties Award, and the NAACP Outstanding Service Award in 1990. The Vermont Coalition for Lesbian & Gay Rights recognized David with their Leadership Award. In 1996, he was the first recipient of the David W. Curtis Award, an award given by Vermont CARES for service to the AIDS community.

Among his many accomplishments were the co-founding of the Samara Foundation of Vermont, a charitable foundation created to support and strengthen the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered communities of Vermont. He remained vice-president at the time of his death. He was a founding member of the Vermont Women's Health Center. David also served on the Board of Trustees of the American Civil Liberties of Vermont, Vermont National Abortion Rights Action League, and the AIDS Action Council in Washington D.C.

Services were held on Wednesday, August 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Burlington on 152 Pearl St. ▼

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■ **The Umbrella Fund of the Comprehensive Care Clinic at the University Health Care Center, attn: Dr. Christopher Grace, 1 S. Prospect St. Burlington, VT 05401.**

■ **Samara Foundation of Vermont, P.O. Box 1263, Burlington, VT 05402.**

■ **The ACLU of Vermont, 110 E. State St. Montpelier, VT 05602**

He served as a longtime member of the Vermont Judicial Nominating Board.

For many years, David was active in Vermont politics. He served in the Vermont House of Representatives as the member from the town of Charlotte, 1975 to 1976. He was a candidate for attorney general in 1976. He served as chair for the Burlington City Democratic Committee and was a member of the Vermont Democratic State Committee. In 1996, he was a candidate for the State Senate from Chittenden County. In 1997, he became Vermont's Democratic National Committeeman and then became the Chair of the Vermont State Democratic Party. He served in this position through the date of his death.

Legal Defense Education Fund in Washington, D.C., Vermont CARES, and the Vermont PWA Coalition. David served as a member of the Burlington Human Rights Council and was a member of the Vermont Advisory Committee to the United States

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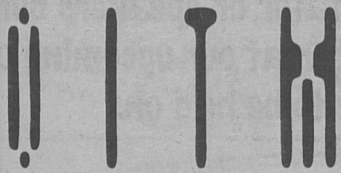
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