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# GLBTQ News

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## Gen Critel died in her sleep



**Genevieve Critel**

Gen Critel, as members of the Gathering United Church of Christ knew her, died in her sleep sometime during the night of May 29th.

According to Doug Slagle, The Gathering's pastor, the exact cause of death remains unknown but it appears she passed peacefully and quickly."

"Sadly," he said, "Lisa Blankenship, her partner was not with her but out of town at a conference."

"They were a regular part of the Gathering for nearly two years. Lisa and Gen were partners

for many years. They supported several outreach programs and were instrumental in helping with our website, logo design and marketing efforts," Slagle said.

Last year at this time, they moved to Columbus so Gen could complete her Doctorate program at Ohio State.

Just within the past month, Gen celebrated completion of her PhD in English and was hired as a full Professor at Western University of Washington.

One enduring legacy of Gen's is The Gathering website. Gen built and designed the site and continued to assist Slagle, from time to time, in its maintenance and updating. Her time and skills were all donated to us - a gift to the Gathering she was happy to offer.

Gen was also the designer of both **GLBT**

**News'** Website and Facebook pages

Gen was a gentle soul who nevertheless had firm convictions in matters of social justice and compassion for those on the margins of life.

The memorial service for Genevieve will be at 11 a.m., this Saturday, June 2, at Broad Street United Methodist Church 501 East Broad Street in Columbus.

An informal visitation gathering for friends and family will occur at the church at 10 a.m.

Friends are asked that,

if they wish, to post memories of Gen, portions of which may be shared at the informal gathering or the memorial service, in text, audio, or video on Gen's Facebook page OR at: <http://genmemories.wordpress.com/>

Gifts in Genevieve's memory may be made to: Ohio State University, Department of English c/o the Genevieve M. Critel Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Writing  
421 Denney Hall  
164 W. 17th Ave  
Columbus OH 43210

## Getting Marriage feedback

About 20 people attended a meeting at St. Peter's lead by Adam Hoover of Support Gay Marriage Ohio and Ed Mullen, executive director of Ohio Equality.

The attendance ranged

from a Mason High School student to concerned parents and straight allies. Rusty Lockett and Michael Chanak attended for the GLBT Center Cincinnati. Also, on hand Cody Globig a journalism

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**PFLAG Cincinnati**

Meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays  
 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at  
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 Church  
<http://www.pflagcinci.org/>  
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 (513) 721-7900

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 Your GLBT Center  
 Tuesdays with  
 Toby Martino**

<http://www.cincyglbt.com/volunteers>



**NAACP supports  
 Gay Marriage**

**Washington** — With its support for Gay Marriage, the NAACP has done more than strike a blow for fairness and equality. The nation's most venerable civil rights organization has made itself relevant again.

The NAACP's 64-member board approved a resolution supporting "marriage equality" not as a matter of empathy or compassion but as a right guaranteed by the 14th Amendment. In citing this rationale, the 103-year-old organization founded by

W.E.B. Du Bois firmly linked the campaign for Gay Rights to the epic African-American struggle for freedom and justice.

**Marvel Comics  
 to host Gay  
 Wedding**

Marvel Comics will host a Gay Wedding this summer. Superhero Northstar will marry his boyfriend Kyle Jinadu in *Astonishing X-Men* #51. The issue will be released on June 20th.

Northstar came out of the closet in the 1992 comic, *Alpha Flight* #106.

Since then, numerous comic book heroes and villains have been written as Gay, Lesbian or Transgender – from DC Comics' Kate Kane, aka Batwoman, to Hulking and Wiccan in the pages of 'Young Avengers.'

DC Comics will soon reveal that one of its established superheroes is Gay. According to **The Daily Mail**, Twitter readers have been sharing rumors about the character's identity. Some speculate it could be Bruce Wayne, better known by his nocturnal alter ego Batman.

Earlier this year, Archie

Comics featured a Gay Wedding of their own. Kevin Keller married Mr. Right in issue #16 of the *Life with Archie* series.

*More inclusive term  
 for "marriage"*

Gay Rights Supporters have been working to change the definition of marriage for years, trying to get marriage equality laws passed, in legislatures. But New Hampshire resident Mike Raven is looking at the issue more literally: He wants to convince dictionaries to print a more inclusive definition of the word "marriage."



**John Curley**

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