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## **Richard K. O'Connor, 55, salesman**

Richard K. O'Connor, 55, a former office furnishings salesman in Philadelphia, died of liver failure Sept. 18 at his sister's home in Penllyn, near North Wales.

Born in Darby, Mr. O'Connor graduated from Lansdale Catholic High School in 1972 and earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Temple University in 1976.

From 1977 to 1982, his brother Gary said, Mr. O'Connor worked as a waiter at Center City restaurants such as Frog and the Garden and as a food and beverage manager at hotels such as the Wyndham Franklin Plaza.

For the next 16 years, he was a salesman in Cambridge, Mass., for DesignTex, a division of Steelcase Design Partnership, an office-furniture supplier.

From 1998 to 2004, Mr. O'Connor was a salesman for the Philadelphia office of Steelcase.

Until earlier this month, he was manager of the Shore Inn, a bed-and-breakfast in Rehoboth Beach, Del.

In addition to his brother, Mr. O'Connor is survived by another brother, Thomas; sister Suzy Strunk; nine nieces and nephews; and partner Edward Gunts.

A life celebration is planned for 1 p.m. Saturday at Rigby's Bar & Grill, 404 Rehoboth Ave., Rehoboth Beach, Del.