Randy Gilner grew up in Wisconsin and was a nurse in Chicago prior to attending physical therapy school at UAB and being part of the '88 class.

Soon after graduation, he traveled to Israel to volunteer his services to those victims of the Middle Eastern conflict. While in school, Randy was supportive of his classmates and their significant others through various means. Even after graduation, he remained connected to his class of physical therapy students.

Randy provided financial support to a physical therapy student at UAB, enabling her to attend a seminar in her final year of PT school. He clearly embraced a philanthropic life and philosophy.

Randy had a quick and contagious smile. There was a spark to his engaging personality which made him a great physical therapist and healthcare provider.

Unfortunately, Randy left us prematurely on August 10, 1990, a victim of the AIDS epidemic. He would have been very pleased to know that he was a part of a fund which assists the students of UAB Department of Physical Therapy in their endeavors to join us in the profession.