

## **BYSTANDER'S DREAMS DIE WITH HER SLAIN WAITRESS COULDN'T FIND OFFICE JOB**

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When Jeanette Askew walked into La Players Lounge at 10 a.m. Saturday to begin **her** first day on the job, she wasn't happy about having to work as a barmaid.

"She wanted an office job," **her** sister Judy recalled Monday. "That's what she was trained for . . . but she couldn't find one. And . . . she told me she took the job (at La Players) because she was tired of begging and asking people for money .

Jeanette's attempts to pay for **her** college education without burdening **her** family ended abruptly less than four hours later when she died in a volley of gunshots while witnessing the murder of Adolph (Doc Holliday) Powell.

POWELL, 50, who police believe was a heroin dealer, hit man and architect of a 1979 triple beheading murder, died at the bar after being hit in the side of the head **with** a single shotgun blast.

Askew, struck by several gunshots, also died in the bar shortly before 2 p.m., police said. A third person, Edward Marshall, 23, who operates a record store across the street from the bar at 3305 Joy Road, on Detroit's west side, was wounded while running from the rear of the bar to the men's room, investigators said.

Marshall, wounded in the neck and back, was listed in serious condition under police guard in a Detroit hospital.

TO **HER** FAMILY and friends, Jeanette, a 23-year-old **with** a constant smile and **dreams** of success as both a secretary and a dancer, was the classic innocent bystander.

A 1978 graduate of Northeastern High School, Jeanette "made good grades, but **her** real love was dance . . . she loved to dance," said Judy, 25, who shared a flat **with her** younger sister.

Following high school, Jeanette attended Detroit Business Institute (DBI), where she received a general secretary's certificate in 1981, school records show.

"She was very lively," said Deborah Campbell, one of Jeanette's instructors at DBI. "She was small, but she had studied dance and the way she moved reflected that. She had that fluid movement that made **her** look taller than she was.

She was beautiful, peppy and perky," Campbell said. "If we had a cheerleading team at this school, she would've been the captain."

AFTER LEAVING DBI, Jeanette struggled to find work and periodically would return to the school, where Campbell would find **her** banging away on a typewriter.

"She was always anxious about learning," Campbell said, "wanting to move ahead and learn more. And then, she'd come back because she would worry about **her** skills getting rusty."

Last September Jeanette enrolled at Wayne County Community College where she took a dance course and a class in computer word processing, according to records.

"That's why she was working there (at La Players)," said Judy. "She was trying to make enough money to go back for the next term."

Jeanette's slaying has left the "small, close" Askew family stunned, according to Judy. "It's very hard for us right now . . . and the worst hasn't yet come . . . when it all really sinks in, well . . .

ALTHOUGH SHE had no way of knowing before **her** death, one of Jeanette's **dreams** -- of becoming a topflight dancer -- might have materialized.

Last March she auditioned for the Detroit City Dance Company. A spokesman for the troupe said Monday that an evaluation of **her** performance indicated she might be offered a scholarship, although she needed "to get some additional ballet training .

Also noted on the evaluation was the phrase: "At least a year away."

Monday afternoon Jeanette's family began making funeral arrangements, which are incomplete. In addition to Judy, Jeanette is survived by brothers Roy and Tommy, **her** mother, Yvonne, who lives in Detroit, and **her** father, Roy, who lives in New Jersey.

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