

Obituary for Tobi Sanders

TOBI G.S. HAMMES, 39, EDITOR AT BANTAM BOOKS: Newspaper Obituary and Death Notice

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Deceased Name: TOBI G.S. HAMMES, 39, EDITOR AT BANTAM BOOKS

Tobi Gillian Sanders Hammes, 39, senior editor of Bantam Books, was killed Wednesday in an auto accident near her home in Kintnersville, Bucks County.

Police said Mrs. Hammes was driving on state Route 611 in Nockamixon Township shortly before noon when her northbound station wagon swerved and struck a van and a bridge abutment near Traugers Crossing Road. She was thrown from the wreckage. She was pronounced dead at Grand View Hospital in Sellersville. The other driver, Joseph A. Gendeszek, 58, of Doylestown, was treated for cuts and bruises. Raised in Elkins Park, Mrs. Hammes was a graduate of Cheltenham High School and of Barnard College, where she majored in Russian. Her first book, *Members of the Class Will Keep Daily Journals*, was written in collaboration with another student during her junior year at Barnard. Excerpts from the book were first published in *The Inquirer* in 1970.

Other stories by Mrs. Hammes appeared in *The Inquirer's* magazine, in the *New York Times* and in *Philadelphia Magazine*. Her work ranged from a history of Nan Duskin's to travel articles.

She joined the staff of Bantam Books in 1969 and became one of its editors. She developed a special division within the company, one now known as *New Age Books*, and had been its editor for nearly a decade, according to colleagues. The division specializes in books ranging from philosophy to political science.

She was active over the years in a variety of causes, particularly those to help AIDS patients.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald Hammes; her parents, Louis B. and Ethel J. Sanders; a brother, and a sister.

Services will be held at noon tomorrow at Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks Funeral Home, 4720 N. Broad St.

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