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**John Boswell** (1947-94) was the A. Whitney Griswold Professor of History at Yale University and the author of *The Royal Treasure*, *The Kindness of Strangers*, and *Same-Sex Unions in Premodern Europe*.

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