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Race, Place, and Space in Postwar Philadelphia

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For many years my late husband, Eric Schneider, spent one day a week in the Philadelphia City Archives examining every tenth murder case. If our adult children happened to be visiting, he would tell them about the most interesting murder he uncovered that day—something I did not enjoy hearing about. Yet I read drafts of every chapter and learned a lot about our adopted city. I saw him labor over this book for many years and had looked forward to seeing him celebrate its publication. That did not happen.

My children and I will remain forever grateful to Howard Gillette for finishing the book Eric started and hoped to complete before he died. He loved being a historian, he loved teaching and his students, and he loved going to work with colleagues who gave him the time to research and write despite his administrative obligations. Eric’s commitment to social and racial justice led him to studies of delinquency, drugs, gangs, and murder. Despite being enmeshed in research on these subjects, he never lost his belief that our nation could do and be better.

—Janet Golden