

What would the Reverend Mother say? The Flying Nun's playboy friend was gay!

That's the shocking claim of a stand-up comic who says he had a gay affair with the late Alejandro Rey, who co-starred with Sally Field as Puerto Rican playboy Carlos Ramirez on the '60s ABC hit.

"I used to love 'The Flying Nun' and then years later I had an affair with Alejandro Rey," said comedian Jason Stuart on the Web site AfterElton.com.

"He's dead. He died of cancer a million years ago. This was when I was in my 20s."

Rey died of lung cancer in 1987 at age 57.

Stuart, who plays comedy clubs and has also made guest appearances on "Will & Grace" and "House," said he met the Latin heartthrob while cruising the streets of Hollywood.

"I was driving on Sunset Boulevard ...I said, 'Oh my God, that looks like Carlos from 'The Flying Nun'; and it was," revealed Stuart.

"We started to chat, and we set a time and got together and started hanging out."

STUART, WHO IS OPENLY GAY now, says that he and Rey were "very closeted" at the time of their one-year affair. Besides his role in "The Flying Nun" Rey had a long and successful career in television and appeared opposite Elvis Presley in the 1963 movie "Fun in Acapulco?"

Added Stuart: "We never went anywhere because he (had been married and) had a son and, you know, it was a different time.□

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