



Mr. Patrick Muir Smith

August 22, 1972 - September 1, 2021

Patrick Muir Smith (Ricky), (Pat), age 49, of Malone, NY passed away on Sept. 1, 2021 at UVM Medical Center in Burlington, Vermont due to complications of life long medical conditions Cerebral Palsy and Spinabifita. Patrick was born to Ronald (Smitty) and Donna (Lawrence) Smith on August 22, 1972. A tiny baby at just over 2 lbs. and sporting wash cloths with patterns of polka dots and stripes as diapers that wouldn't fit. His parents were told by doctors that they didn't expect him to live beyond 20. They soon learned what a strong will Patrick had and he was the eldest child of 3. From a young age Patrick was an avid sports viewer, a history buff, and cat lover. He was a participant of the Special Olympics. Sports were such a big part of Ricky's life, that his dad made him a tray for his wheel chair with the word Yanks, in bold letters, for Ricky's then favorite team the Yankees. Baseball was his first love almost tied with wrestling.

He was a graduate of Chateaugay Central School and a resident of Constable A, a North Star house in Malone. He became a proud advocate of handicapped rights and as an adult he chose to practice the Muslim faith. As many of us know, Muslims do not eat pork and for Ricky to give up bacon and ham was proof that his beliefs meant more to him than his love of food. Except for the occasional bad influence of his sissy (Trina) who fed him ham on Christmas, unbeknown to him.

His family realized early on, that he had a photographic memory when his mother read the encyclopedia and sports facts to him. He could recite things

learned years later, including the makings to a smoke bomb, that he proudly set off at school with the help of an aide.

Patrick was blessed with two families. The family that he was born into and the family that helped care for him in Constable A. While they have their own precious memories of Pat, a few that we have heard about include trips to the Fair for food, laughter and jokes on rides to Medical Appointments, dinners, trips to Walmart, as well as the continual care in all of the overnight hospital stays. We are so grateful for this wonderful team of people who have loved and cared for him so much.

Patrick is survived by his parents, Ronald and Donna Smith of Burke NY; a sister, Trina Smith Roulston of Chateaugay; a brother, Sidney Smith of Burke; two nephews, Joseph Roulston of Chateaugay and Cole Barrett of Burke. He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Lloyd Sydney and Arlea (Susie) (Griffin) Lawrence; his paternal grandparents, Muir and Sarah (Sherman) Smith; as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins in addition to his beloved Cat Snagglepuss.

Calling hours will be held at the Chateaugay Funeral Home on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A funeral service will be held immediately following in the funeral home chapel at 1 p.m.

Burial will be private at Sandy Knoll Cemetery, Chateaugay.

Cemetery Details

Sandy Knoll Cemetery

Chateaugay, NY

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To share the memories that I've had with Patrick would take a lifetime to do...coincidentally, he spent a whole one making them....I love you my friend...Thank you for showing me how to care 😊



Victor Ortiz - September 03, 2021 at 11:32 PM

CS

The sun is shining on him! This is such a beautiful picture!

Courtney Sychtysz - September 03, 2021 at 11:45 PM

RH

Victor such as the story of his voting. Patrick loved you as much as you loved him.

Rose Hoseler - September 04, 2021 at 09:51 AM

RH

Patrick you are such an old soul. The compassion you shared for your peers. You advocated for many of them. You will always be in my heart and in my memories from 1985 when you first moved in to Chasm Road until the present day at Constable A. I love you my friend and will miss you bunches. Thank You for showing my grandson Logan Hoseler how much you supported him and learning about his Angelman Syndrome diagnosis. You're a true friend. You will be missed very much. Rest In Peace Patrick. I hope snugglepuss is sitting on your lap purring.

Rose Hoseler - September 04, 2021 at 09:58 AM