



Mr. Rockwell Miles Mauler

February 28, 1970 - April 16, 2014

Rockwell Miles Mauler was born to Dr. George and Sue Mauler on February 28, 1970. He passed away unexpectedly on April 16, 2014, due to complications from a recent surgery.

Rocky was very well known in the community of Cortland, following a severe head injury he sustained while trying to cross the road to get the mail on October 25, 1979. The Cortland community immediately rallied to his family and to his bedside. The community made sure he never spent a day alone in a hospital bed. Then Rocky spent the rest of his life giving back. Despite severe physical disabilities, he never lost his love of life and people.

He started to work at the JM Murray Center and continued on at the Murray Center Day-Hab program.

After Rocky's Father passed away, he moved into an ARC group home on MacGregor Street, and gained a second home and family. Rocky continued to pursue his childhood passion of becoming a firefighter, by becoming an honorary member of the Cortlandville Fire Department. He was also an advocate for the Americans with Disabilities Act, which included trips, letter writing campaigns, and meeting with several local business CEO's, including the CEO of Cortland Hospital. Rocky was a passionate Dallas Cowboy Football fan, and even attended a Cowboy game at Texas Stadium. Rockwell enjoyed the Arts and was a regular patron of Cortland Repertory Theater. He was once an honorary guest conductor at The Binghamton Pops Orchestra.

His love of music led to several concerts, one of his favorites being John Denver. Rockwell also went to Graceland to see the home of his favorite performer. He enjoyed bowling and participated in the Adaptive swimming program at SUNY Cortland. Before his accident, Rocky was an avid ice skater and loved playing hockey with his team.

Rocky volunteered at local churches, fire departments and nursing homes. He was always quick with a smile, a hug and a kind word.

Rockwell's life was greatly enhanced, fulfilled and blessed by the many caregivers who gave so much of themselves to Rocky over his life. For this, his family is forever and eternally grateful. Rocky is survived by his sister, Teri Mauler, of Groton, NY, his brother Christopher Mauler, (wife Amy, daughter Amanda), of Homer, NY, his sister Lisa Brown, (husband Dick, daughter Goodwin, son Grant), of Marietta GA, his uncle James Metzger (wife Lee), of Warren, VT.

A Memorial Service will be celebrated on Saturday at 5 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church , 13 Court St, Cortland, N.Y. with Rev. Peter Williams serving as celebrant. Burial in New Hope Cemetery will be at the families convenience. Calling Hours will be held on Saturday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Grace Church prior to services. A Celebration reception will be held in the church hall following the services.

Contributions in Rocky's memory may be sent to Cortlandville Fire Department, 999 Rte. 13 Cortland, New York 13045

Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

BB

“ We were neighbors of Rocky living on Cowance Street. Rocky will be missed. We could always count on him during the summer months to travel around the neighborhood block. We would always stop to say hello and make sure he was doing ok. The neighborhood will not be the same without him. Betty and Al

Betty Bartolone - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

ST

“ Rocky was always smiling or asking how others were doing. He had the best sense of humor and I always went away in a better mood after seeing him. He loved to cook and I always told him some of the things he should make. He always wanted it to add more hot sauce or add more garlic. One of the last times I saw Rock we were talking about all of the good things we could cook for the summer. There will be a void for everyone that was lucky enough to be part of Rocky's life. He was always so positive and we need more people like him in the world. Rest in Peace Rocky, you will missed but never forgotten (especially your laugh and smile).

Stephanie - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

LG

“ I went to school with Rocky and he was such a joy to all. I will never forget his smiling face.

Leslie Granato - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

MC

“ Chris, Terry and Lisa, I remember you as adorable kids who loved your baby brother. As I read Rocky's obituary today I could see your continued love and nurture, just as you did as children. You helped provide a wonderful life for him, despite his condition. I believe Rocky's back in your parents arms and Rocky, George and Sue are looking down at you from Heaven and saying "thank you and please take care of yourselves". May God continue to hold you tight and bless you during this sad time. Love, Margie Higgins Cox

Margaret and Dale Cox - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

SP

“ I have so many many memories before the accident as well as after the accident. I used to go horse back riding with Teri and the Mauler family they always ask Rocky if it was ok if I could ride his horse cause I wasnt a very experience rider. Rocky would say with a smile of course she can and give me a high five and the biggest hug he could give me. I was a patient of Dr Mauler for many many years and I will always ask him How is my angel doing? He would smile and say doing well very well he is keeping an eye on you..... well the day he died and i found out I looked up and said Rocky how are you doing up there and the sun came out so I knew he is ok I will always miss him he will be in my heart,

Stacey Di Maggio Putnam - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

RL

“ Rocky was always a ray of sunshine when we would visit with him. My wife and I both knew Rocky through the Madison Cortland ARC. We will always remember his smile when he became an honorary Red Knight at the Ride for the ARC or the many times he would get dressed up for special ARC events. What a handsome guy! Rocky will be deeply missed. We offer our sympathy to Rocky's family, his ARC family, and his many friends. Ray and Christine

Ray & Christine Lewandowski - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

BJ

“ He was a sweet little boy and an even sweeter man who overcame the hurdles that life put in front of him with dignity and grace. Rocky, I know I didn't see much of you after moving from Homer but you will always be in my heart. xo

Betsy Jones - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

DH

“ You all have my deepest sympathies. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God bless and keep you.

Debi Howe - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

ET

“ Dear Teri, Chris and Lisa-

I am so sorry for your loss. Having lost my brother Carl just last October I know how difficult it can be. Hold on to the great memories. I'll never forget the great smile Rocky had as a little kid. And to see how much he volunteered and touched others I'm extremely impressed (but not surprised.)

*My best to you all. With love,
Elsebeth*

Elsebeth Thomsen - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

TF

“ Rest in Peace, Rocky. Our kids all loved you....Tara. Tony, Selinda, Tino, Lucia, Christina..

tino and carole Ferro - April 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM