



Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong

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Craig Smith



Craig Smith passed away quietly Thursday May 27, 2010, surrounded by loved ones, at the Dana Farber Brigham and Women's Cancer Center in Boston, after a long struggle with cancer.

Craig was a tireless advocate and support for people with intellectual disabilities. He was co-founder, as well as first and current Chairperson of Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong (MASS). He was a trainer in self advocacy, leadership and the Awareness and Action Project: Educating Persons with disabilities to Recognize Report and Respond to Abuse. He was also an advisor to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) on Self-Determination. Craig received numerous awards and recognitions including the Gunnar Dybwad Leadership award from the Commonwealth's Department of Developmental Services, and the Nancy Maynard Leadership award from MASS. In 2008, he was appointed to the Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disabilities and has been on many committees and Boards. He traveled throughout the state and the country, and presented at many conferences, teaching and guiding thousands of people in being a strong self advocate and fighting for our rights and legislative issues.

Craig's smile and laugh were always a positive influence on those around him. Recently he stated: "My philosophy is that I do not have time to worry. My philosophy is that if you worry about the littlest things, you will miss what is in front of you; not only will you miss the things, but you will miss the beautiful parts in life that God has given you."

Craig Smith Arrangements

Wake Sunday June 6, 2010 3Pm-7Pm

Lehman & Reen Funeral Home www.lehmanreen.com

63 Chestnut Hill Avenue
Brighton, MA 02135-3942 1-617-782-1000

Funeral Monday June 7, 2010 10:00 am *Please arrive early.*

Newton Presbyterian Church www.newtonpres.org

75 Vernon Street
Newton, MA 02458-2058 1-617-332-9255

There will be an opportunity to say a few words if you wish during the service. Please come prepared with what you would like to say about Craig.

Burial After Church Service Monday June 7, 2010

Mount Hope Cemetery www.cityofboston.gov

355 Walk Hill Street
Mattapan (Boston), MA 02126-3148

Gathering of Friends After burial, all are invited

Russell Auditorium dorchester.ma.povo.com/Russell_Auditorium

80 Talbot Ave
Dorchester (Boston), MA 02124 1-617-288-5319

Transportation

Please attempt to get a ride with friends, family or support.

If you need a ride, or can offer one to someone who does,
please contact Jack Yates at 1-508 / 468 - 8923, or e-mail him at
YatesSNS@aol.com.

E-mail messages need to be received before 4:00 Friday.