



## Michael Reed

March 30, 1968 - January 4, 2015

### Michael Reed Obituary

Reed, Michael, Albany, 46, died on January 4, 2015, after a battle with lung cancer. Mike was pre-deceased by his parents James Reed and Judith Rutkowski. Mike was survived by his brother Robert Reed of Sparrowbush, NY, his sister Brenda Reed of Arizona and his father's widow DeAnn Reed of Sparrowbush, NY. Mike is survived by his loving family at the Homeless Action Committee (HAC) who supported him throughout: 1) Director Donna DeMaria; 2) HAC Current SRO Staff: Jen Azen, Elise Hymes, Andreas Jackson, Stephanie St. Louis, Kayla Williams, Karen Wilson, Amanda Burt, Megan Rabbitt, and Adine Taylor; 3) HAC Former SRO Staff: Libby Alois, Sarah Quinones, Terry Tabraue, Jaime Harla; 4) Fellow residents: Jeff, Patrick, Rob, Kendal, Jen, Joe, Tim, Kevin and many others; 5) HAC Outreach Van Staff/Volunteers (current): Rolensky Alphonse, Darlene Wilson, Tiana Maron, Maryanne Schrank, Leslie Phalen; 6) HAC Van former Staff: Lisanne Forgione, & Matt Vertefeuille. He is also survived by good friends Ken, Eric and Wayne as well as many others.

Mike has been surrounded by many HAC staff, volunteers, residents and friends throughout his illness and especially at the end of his life. He needed people next to him and everyone came through and spent time with him so he was never alone. All of the support provided was absolutely amazing.

Mike was a fighter till the end of his disease. He loved life, no matter how tough it was and always kept the faith that he would get better. He showed

such grace through his illness and death. He was incredibly strong and gave everyone around him inspiration to fight through adversity. He taught us all about strength.

Mike had a big heart, was kind and loved by everyone. He was a loyal friend to many. He was funny and had a good sense of humor. He was free spirited. He was also one of the most stubborn people, which kept him alive a little longer. He earned the nickname Spiderman from his friends. He always spoke his mind.

HAC would like to thank all of our staff, and volunteers who lovingly cared for and comforted Mike, and were a good friend to him, as were his fellow residents. HAC would also like to thank Community Hospice, NYOH, Dr. Robert Paeglow & Koinonia, and Memorial Hospital CCU & ICU for their care of Mike.

Calling hours will be Saturday, January 10th at Magin & Keegan Funeral Home, 891 Madison Ave, Albany. A service will follow at 11AM at the funeral home. Cremation will occur next week. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brenda Reed lit a candle in memory of Michael Reed* ”



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**Brenda Reed** - February 05, 2015 at 09:05 PM