



Robert Phillip McGrath

February 2, 1991 - November 28, 2012

Dodgeville – Robert Phillip "Robby" McGrath, age 21, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012.

He was always smiling and friendly to all, both young and old, laughing, caring, joking and happy, even though he endured many hardships for a young person; epilepsy when he was little, oral surgery in grade school, major chest surgery in high school, insomnia following and recently a concussion. He never complained and did not want pity. He was born on Feb. 2, 1991 - "my groundhog baby" – in Madison, WI, the son of Mark McGrath and Sandra (Erickson) McGrath Zauner. Robby went to Kindergarten in Sun Prairie and then moved with his parents to Dodgeville to start a new life in the local area with Grandma Shirley in Ridgeway and Grandparents in Prairie Du Chien.

Robby started first grade in Dodgeville and graduated from Dodgeville High School in 2009. He made many friends that have remained close to this day. He loved facts and enjoyed music, particularly from the 1970's. He was a talented artist, designing and painting the border on a project done by him and others in an art club in fourth and fifth grade. The clay elephant is forever on the wall in Dodgeville Elementary School. Following high school, Robby worked for Maple Leaf Landscaping. Working with surgically implanted bars in his chest, he never complained about the lifting or cold while working 12 to 17 hours at a time during snowstorms. Two days after having surgery to remove

the bars, "Rob" started working at Wal-Mart as a cashier and was quickly moving up the ladder while working in the customer service and returns department and being the fastest cashier, was to be trained for the next position when the concussion occurred, causing complications that took our Robby into eternal peace. Please say a prayer for him.

Robby loved his entire family and his many friends.

Robby is survived by his mother and stepfather, Sandy and John Zauner of Dodgeville, WI, his father and stepmother Mark and Barb McGrath of Monona, WI, His special grandmother Shirley Erickson of Ridgeway, WI, Aunt Karen and uncle John Malsch, and cousins Kelly and Roger of Madison, WI, uncle Mike and aunt Darlene McGrath, and cousin Derrick of Louisville, KY, uncle Steve and aunt Dawn McGrath, and cousins Chris and Nick of Indianapolis, IN, uncle Jim and aunt Caroline McGrath, and cousins Sean and Ryan, Prairie Du Chien, WI, and other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Phillip "Phil" Erickson and his paternal grandparents Eugene "Gene" and Beatrice "Bea" McGrath.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 3, 2012 at PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL UCC in Dodgeville, WI. Pastor Daniel Yeazel and Brother Scott Wallace will co-officiate. Friends may call from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012 at the GORGEN-MCGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville, WI and from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services on Monday at the church. A burial will be held at a later date.

Many of us are thankful for the wonderful young person Robby was. His memory will live on strong within us. Robby would want us to be happy that we had him with us instead of sad that we will miss him so deeply.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Phillip McGrath*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *You may be out of sight but never out of mind!! Ed and I are so sad you are having this horrific issue to live threw...We will keep you tucked close and hope each day brings you more peace.....Know we care.*

Kaye and Ed Fogo ~~ retired Hair Habit

Kaye Fogo - April 28, 2018 at 02:30 AM



“ *May each special memory of your loved one bring you comfort today and in the days ahead. Keeping you in our hearts and on our minds, Sandy and John.*

Rosalie & Ronnie - April 28, 2018 at 02:30 AM



“ *Sandy - our prayers are with you and your family. Sue called me this afternoon to tell me about your son's passing; we are deeply saddened by this. Even when grief over-whelms us or confusion assails us, we still can trust God's all-knowing love. Love you, Steve & Tamara*

Steve & Tamara Grahn - April 28, 2018 at 02:30 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are you with you all!*

Nicole Hlavac - April 28, 2018 at 02:30 AM

DS

“ *Sandy and family,
So sorry for your loss.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Donna and Mark Sommerfeldt*

Donna Sommerfeldt - April 28, 2018 at 02:30 AM

SO

“ *Sandi, I can not imagine what you must be feeling, I will have you in my prayers and I am saddened by your loss.*

Sonya - April 28, 2018 at 02:30 AM

AH

“ *We spent hours and hours on end playing video games and goofing around. Robby was my best friend since I first started hanging out with him. He was very caring and giving. I'm going to miss you buddy*

Anthony Haley - April 28, 2018 at 02:30 AM

DC

“ *Sandy and John - We have been out of town since last week and just heard the news. We are so sorry for your loss. Sandy, I have personally experienced this type of tragedy in my life, so if you need someone to talk to who will listen and understand, let me know. You are in our prayers. Dawn and Jeff*

Dawn and jeff clayton - April 28, 2018 at 02:30 AM

DB

“ *Blessings and prayers for all Rob's family during these times of sorrow.*

Dan and Becky Bennett - March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ You and your family are in my heart and prayers, Please know that Rob was a great man, I will miss his sweet smile and the way we always joked around with each other. He will be greatly missed by one and all. Thank you Rob for being a great friend and coworker.

Tabitha Steele - March 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM