



Neil Justin Beynart

February 11, 1961 - December 16, 2024

Neil Justin Beynart was born on Feb 11, 1961 in the city of Taunton, Massachusetts. He was diagnosed with Down Syndrome immediately. His parents, John Beynart and Arline Beynart (born Kittle) were advised by the doctors and health care workers at the hospital to put him into a home immediately. They had three young children at home and the feeling was that this was the best step for the family.

John and Arline Beynart sought counseling with their parish priest in North Dighton, Massachusetts. The priest informed them of the perspective of the Catholic Church which is that these children are a gift. The priest counseled them to keep Neil at home, which they did.

When Neil was 4 years old, his family moved back to Columbia County NY, which is where Neil's parents were born and raised. Neil's parents started talking with other families in the county who had disabled children. Their experience was that education and other services were lacking in the county for disabled kids and their families. John and Arline Beynart became active members of the Association for Retarded Children and through their efforts and the efforts of many other families in the county, COARC was born.

Neil was a happy kid. His nickname at home was Neil-O.

Neil's siblings grew and left home.

Neil was educated by the BOCES program in Columbia County. He started attending programs provided by COARC after he graduated from BOCES. He worked in the sheltered workshop run by COARC and at the age of 27, he

moved into a COARC group home in Chatham, NY.

Neil lived in Chatham until his health and mood started to decline at which point he was moved to the Lake Street facility in Valatie.

Neil will always be remembered by his family and friends as a charming, happy man.

There will be a service for Neil at the Bates and Anderson Funeral Home on Green St in Hudson NY on Jan 6th, 2024 at 10:30am followed by interment in Cedar Park Cemetery.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-3371
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

Interment

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cedar Park
Hudson, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *God Bless you and your Mom and Dad.
Enjoy HEAVEN!*

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