



Michael Goddard Showed courage in struggle

Michael J. Goddard, 36, of Littleton, a cable television producer who promoted organ donation through his own personal struggle with cystic fibrosis, died May 10, 1998, at Massachusetts General Hospital of complications from double lung transplant surgery.

In July of 1997, in the end stages of the disease, Mr. Goddard received a rare living-related donor double lung transplant — only the third such procedure performed in

New England at the time. His brothers, Timothy and Patrick, each donated a lobe of their lungs to form Michael's new lungs.

In preparing for the surgery, Mr. Goddard produced a documentary that chronicled his transplant journey. His hope was that others could draw confidence and inspiration from his efforts. Throughout his life, he participated in numerous drug treatment and therapy trials in the hope that a cure might one day be found, if not in time to save himself, then others afflicted with the disease.

Mr. Goddard offered encouragement to budding producers and directors and also worked for several Democratic political campaigns.

A lifelong resident of Littleton, Mr. Goddard graduated from Littleton High School in 1980 and received a bachelors degree in communication from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He worked for Don Law Communications in Boston and was a counselor for Alpha Omega House for several years. He also worked for Cable Vision in Westford for over 10 years. He was a member of St. Anne's Church and a member of the Town Democratic Committee.

His greatest passion was his family. Music came in a close second, as he was dedicated fan of Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen. He

rarely missed a live performance of either and took pride in owning their complete musical anthologies.

In a statement his family said of Mr. Goddard, "He was our love, our life, our heart, our home, and the truest joy we have ever known."

Mr. Goddard is survived by his parents, Ronald P. and Ann (Donohue) Goddard; and his six siblings, Timothy D. and Kathleen Goddard, Kevin P. and Patricia Goddard, Ronald J. Goddard, Patrick G. Goddard, Maura E. Goddard and Eric C. and Martha (Goddard) Johnson, all of Littleton. He is also survived by six nieces and nephews, Michael and Sarah Peland, his goddaughter, Vanessa, and Isabella Goddard and Daniel and Matthew Johnson. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 220 N. Main St., Suite 104, Natick, MA 01760 or the MGH Lung Transplant Program, Ambulatory Care Center, Suite 626, Boston, MA 02114.

The Funeral Mass is 10 a.m. today at St. Anne's Church.