

Access II - Ed "Eddie" Grimes Scholarship

Ed "Eddie" Grimes at the age of 38 enrolled in college and graduated from North Central Missouri College in 1992. He completed his post-secondary education graduating Salutatorian with a B.A. in Creative Writing from Missouri Western State College in 1997. Eddie was awarded a full scholarship to attend UMKC Law School; unfortunately was unable to fulfill his dream due to a diagnosis of end-stage emphysema.

Eddie understood the difficulties of everyday life as a person with a disability. Diagnosed with osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, and emphysema he got around using a wheelchair and oxygen. But that didn't deter him.

When Eddie was not a student, he continued on the path of education by helping others. In 1997 Eddie became a teacher for the Adult Education Center in Gallatin, MO. He was a great role model but he would tell you himself that he wasn't a hero. He did all the he could to help local residents fulfill their dreams of attaining their GEDs, developing computer skills, and gaining the knowledge to live more independently.

Ed "Eddie" Grimes passed away October 2, 2003 at the age of 49.