



Jory W. Berkley

March 23, 1981 - January 18, 2023

Jory William Berkley passed away on January 18, 2023, at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, surrounded by his loving family. He was 41 years old.

Jory was born on March 23, 1981, in Tucson, Arizona. His family moved to Fredonia the following year. He graduated from Fredonia High School in 1999 and then attended Pratt Institute. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in illustration in 2003.

For several years Jory worked as a touring puppeteer with the Westfield company Das Puppenspiel. More recently, he worked as a woodworker for Jeff Davis Construction in Fredonia.

Jory was an avid gamer and comic book collector and an unapologetic fan of Star Trek, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and Nine Inch Nails. He drew constantly, creating paintings, papier mache masks, and wood carvings often as gifts for friends and family.

In March of 2022, Jory was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. He bravely went through treatments with unmatched optimism. Jory touched the lives of everyone he met.

Jory is survived by his mother and father, Mira and Jack Berkley, his brother and sister-in-law, Alex Berkley and Kayleigh Small, his nephew and niece, Clem and Polly Berkley and his grandmother, Lenore Tetkowski. He is survived by loving cousins, aunts, uncles, and an amazing and loving network of friends.

A Celebration of Jory's life will be planned to take place in the summer.

If desired, donations may be made to the Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue or to Black Lives Matter. On the memo portion of your check, please write Jory W. Berkley.

The mailing address for the Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue is 7540 N. Gale Street Westfield New York 14787. To make a donation to Black Lives Matter please visit their website at blacklivesmatter.com.

Family and friends are cordially invited to leave a message of condolence, share a favorite memory of Jory and light a candle in his honor all here on his tribute page.

The Berkley family has entrusted the Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home for final arrangements.

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Tribute Wall

VW

“ Dearest Mira, Jack, and Alex, we are so sad to hear of Jory's passing. He was such a beautiful person and we loved him dearly. We send you our deepest sympathy and love. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. We are here for you. All our love, Valerie, Dan, Robert, Jessie, and William Walawender

Valerie Walawender - January 29, 2023 at 10:36 AM

DS

“ My heart is saddened for all of Jory's family and friends, especially his parents Mira and Jack. May his beautiful spirit live on within all of you. Sending love and hugs. Donna Shepard

Donna L Shepard - January 25, 2023 at 07:25 PM

RW

“ So sad for the world, and especially for the dearest of dearest families of Dr. Jack Berkley and Dr. Mira Berkley, the brightest of the brightest. May Jory's knowing gaze and welcoming smile last forever. -- Randy Woodbury

Randy Woodbury - January 25, 2023 at 03:59 PM

MT

“ Mira and Jack and Family, We have so many precious memories of Jory and of times spent with you. We are deeply saddened. Please know we hold you in our hearts. Mark and Michelle Twichell

Mark Twichell - January 25, 2023 at 03:18 PM

AC

“ *Mira and Family, heartfelt condolences for your loss. My prayers, hugs and love to you. Angela Couchman*

angela couchman - January 24, 2023 at 07:08 AM

BS

“ *Thinking of all of you right now. I know that Jory will live on in your hearts.*

Barbara Siemaszko - January 22, 2023 at 07:53 AM

JB

“ *Our family is heartbroken about Jory's passing. We are keeping you in our thoughts and send all our love to you. Jennifer, Robert, Metivia, Celeste, Jonathan and Kayce*



Jennifer Berke - January 21, 2023 at 11:55 AM

KM

“ *To all of Jory's family,
Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. May you find some peace and comfort in all the beautiful memories that you all cherish. We are all here for you to help in any way we can.*

Kevin M. Mason

Daniel R. LaRussa

Catherine A. Taberski

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Kevin M. Mason - January 18, 2023 at 04:07 PM