



Mary Kay Pauly

December 16, 1953 - April 25, 2025

Mary Kay Pauly was born on December 16 with cerebral palsy; however, this did not stop her from becoming a kind and loving person. From little on, she was a very social person with a big smile. Mary Kay learned to operate a power wheelchair, which gave her the freedom she needed. Mary Kay lived at HomeWard Bound, Maple Grove, for most of her adult life and had many great caregivers and friends who resided with her. During the day, Mary attended school at MSS, which was for her a great place to listen to music, do creative artwork, and spend the day socializing with friends. We would encourage you to share your stories of your interactions with Mary Kay. We thank you for your condolences and appreciate your heartfelt remembrances.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAY 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel
1400 Mainstreet
Hopkins, MN 55343

Tribute Wall



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Joe Younglove - May 16, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working as a support staff for Mary Kay in Brooklyn Park for a few years, and I loved how much she enjoyed trying new things and being involved in anything and everything we had going on. Such a good sport, and if there were times she wasn't into it, she would let you know that too. She could convey so much with her expressions and body language, and would bring a lot of cheer with her warm smile and laughter. Unforgettable lady I am grateful to have known. Love, Joe

Joe Younglove - May 16, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ Anna R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Kay Pauly.

Anna R. - May 16, 2025 at 04:19 PM

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“ Mary Kay was a remarkably special woman. She was kind to everyone and a friend to many. Besides, Mary’s kind heart, she was also a lover of animals (especially Princess Precious), an accomplished artist, a dancer, a musician (she loved playing the piano), and she loved an adventure. She was always up to trying something new, whether it was a new museum, a new art medium, or just a trip to the coffee shop she was always ready and willing. Mary Kay was also a teacher; she taught me perseverance, the kindness in a smile, and the healing power of a hug. She will be missed immensely and never forgotten. The world is a better place because of her.

Heather - May 11, 2025 at 08:42 PM

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“ Mary Kay was a strong woman. She was smart and beautiful. She is an inspiration. While she couldn’t communicate verbally, she had her own way of expressing herself. If you watched and listened, you would be able to know what she was trying to say. And while she couldn’t use her legs she could move fast in her wheelchair. And you better look out! She had been through so much during her 71 years, but her smile and laughter could move you. I know she is in a better place where she has no obstacles. Her body is strong and healthy and her voice sings. She is reunited with her mom and dad.

Shannon Nena EssBelille - May 11, 2025 at 05:09 PM

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“ Miss Mary Kay, my sweet sister, though her physical presence is no longer with us, the warmth of her love and the light she brought into the world will forever shine brightly in our memories. I will miss that radiant smile that would bloom across her face when I'd go visit with my dog, she loved animals so much, they would bring her such great joy! Through her death, I learned that she was so deeply loved by her community at MSS and Homeward Bound. It brings me comfort to know she built meaningful relationships with the dedicated staff who cared for her and that her days were filled with connection and joy. I thank them all for sharing stories and pictures with me. Our mother lovingly called her "queen bee", Mary had a special magnetism, drawing people in with her smile and excitement just to see you. Though a void is left in my life with her passing, I can only hope that she is now at peace and reunited with Mom, Dad and Precious. Her time on earth, though often challenging, was filled with love, joy and meaningful connections. Rest in peace my dear sister, Love Jackie

Jackie Owen - May 11, 2025 at 04:53 PM