

# Man known by many lived fully despite illness

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LUNENBURG — Leominster native Andrew G. Maxfield, who could often be seen cruising around west Leominster in his wheelchair, died Monday after a courageous 40-year battle with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Andrew Maxfield would guide his chair through Leominster to his favorite spots like Rockwell Pond, Julie Country Day School and the Leominster Public Library, until he became too sick to make his trips.

“If you were on the West Side, you saw him. People just got used to seeing him,” Andrew’s father, Edgar Maxfield, said Wednesday. “Doctors said he would only live to be 25. He was 40. It was as if he had a mission. Everybody is a better person for having known him.”

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is one of the most prevalent types of muscular dystrophy and is characterized by rapid progression of muscle degeneration, which occurs early in life.



Maxfield