

Ryan White Quotes

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Rumors of sneezing, kissing, tears, sweat, and saliva spreading AIDS caused people to panic.

~Ryan White

My name is Ryan White. I am sixteen years old. I have hemophilia, and I have AIDS.

~Ryan White

Because of the lack of education on AIDS, discrimination, fear, panic, and lies surrounded me.

~Ryan White

I believe in myself as I look forward to graduating from Hamilton Heights High School in 1991.

~Ryan White

Most recently my battle has been against AIDS and the discrimination surrounding it.

~Ryan White

I was labeled a troublemaker, my mom an unfit mother, and I was not welcome anywhere.

~Ryan White

On December 17, 1984, I had surgery to remove two inches of my left lung due to pneumonia. After two hours of surgery the doctors told my mother I had AIDS.

~Ryan White

Listening to medical facts was not enough. People wanted one hundred percent guarantees.

~Ryan White

Financial hardships were rough on us, even though Mom had a good

job at G.M.

~Ryan White

I came face to face with death at thirteen years old.

~Ryan White

AIDS can destroy a family if you let it, but luckily for my sister and me, Mom taught us to keep going. Don't give up, be proud of who you are, and never feel sorry for yourself.

~Ryan White

The school I was going to said they had no guidelines for a person with AIDS.

~Ryan White

My studies are important to me. I made the honor role just recently, with 2 A's and 2 B's.

~Ryan White

I'm just one of the kids, and all because the students at Hamilton Heights High School listened to the facts, educated their parents and themselves, and believed in me.

~Ryan White

Entertainers, athletes, and stars started giving me support.

~Ryan White

How could these people in the public eye not be afraid of me, but my whole town was?

~Ryan White

I spent Christmas and the next thirty days in the hospital.

~Ryan White

I received thousands of letters of support from all around the world, all because I wanted to go to school.

~Ryan White

Eventually, I won the right to attend school, but the prejudice was still there.

~Ryan White

The first five to six years of my life were spent in and out of the hospital.

~Ryan White

Twice a week I would receive injections or IV's of Factor VIII which clotted the blood and then broke it down.

~Ryan White

Given six months to live and being the fighter that I am, I set high goals for myself.

~Ryan White

Mayor Koch, of New York, was the first public figure to give me support.

~Ryan White

This brought on the news media, TV crews, interviews, and numerous public appearances.

~Ryan White

People would get up and leave so they would not have to sit anywhere near me.

~Ryan White

A lot of my time was spent searching, thinking and planning my life.

~Ryan White

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