



Don Raenell Balthrop

September 5, 1962 - November 20, 2008

Don R. Balthrop, age 46, of Springfield, passed away Thursday, November 20, 2008 at NorthCrest Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 22, 2008 at 2pm in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Reverend Michael Smith officiating. Burial followed at Wilson Cemetery in Pleasant View. Serving as pallbearers were Jeff Adcox, Dennis Herndon, Wes England, Gilford Walker, Chester Whitaker, and Christopher Bowling. Visitation was held at the funeral home Saturday morning from 10am until the time of service. Mr. Balthrop was born September 5, 1962 in Springfield to the late Harrell Don and Margaret Ailene Key Balthrop Allen. He was employed at Big Lots in Springfield and was of the Baptist Faith. He was a loving father and uncle and will be remembered for his playful laughter. In addition to his parents, Mr. Balthrop is preceded in death by his grandparents, Hillman and Mattie Key and Jordan and Della Balthrop. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Dunavin Balthrop; sons, Josh Dunavin and Michael Dunavin, both of Springfield, and Cody (Melissa) Dunavin of Phoenix, AZ; brothers, Barry (Merry) Balthrop of Pleasant View and Troy (Sandra) Balthrop of Springfield; sister, Gail (Ralph) Gearlds of Bethpage; and a host of loving nephews, great nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.