



# Thomas Dawson

**Alton | Tuesday, December 27 2011**

Thomas Dawson, age 52, loss his long Battle with cancer at 12:35 Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at his home with his family by his side.

He was born on October 26, 1959 in Alton, IL to the late Dr. William R. and Charlotte (Lyles) Dawson.

Thomas married Christina Ventress on October 3, 1987 in Benton, KY. She survives.

He was an avid hunter & fisherman known to many as the Alton Angler. He loved the Great outdoors. He was a man's, man. A huge Dallas Cowboys fan as well as a Nascar fan.

Thomas is survived by his wife and one son; James Dawson of Alton, IL, two stepchildren; Tricia Thaxton, and Michael and his spouse Jamie Thaxton of Wood River, IL, five grandchildren; William, Shawn, Shay, Kelsey and Collin. A special friend Darryl Shields.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers; Buddy Ray, Jeff and Danny Dawson.

Memorial Visitation will be from 4 pm to 6 pm, Friday, December 30, 2011 at the Elias, Kallal & Schaaf Funeral Home in Alton, IL.

Per his wishes cremation rites where accorded.

Memorials may be directed to American Cancer Society

Online condolences and guest book may be found at [www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com](http://www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com)