

## **Roger Kramer**

## Belleville | Saturday, November 3 2012

Family and friends are deeply saddened by the sudden passing on Nov 3, 2012 of Roger D Kramer, aged 51, of Belleville. Beloved son of Henry "Gene" Kramer, deceased & Jean (Yost) Kramer of Brighton, cherished brother of Wesley Kramer, deceased, Teresa (Bill) Parod of Evanston, IL and Karen (Dave) Brooks of Godfrey and adoring Uncle to Julius Parod, Ani Kramer, Lauren Brooks and Sereana Parod.Born Jan 9, 1961 in Alton, Roger grew up on the family farm in Brighton and attended Southwestern High School and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He was an accomplished journalist, working as a design editor at the Belleville News Democrat for many years as well as teaching journalism at SIUE. His



marvelous humor filled every aspect of his life; as an avid bicyclist he not only rode thousands of miles in the US and Canada but also founded the Tour de Donut and Tour de (Three) Stooges rides. His blog, Roger Kramer Cycling, records his passion about biking and "giving back" through educating and informing others about the sport. The terrain of Southern Illinois and surrounding region, which he tirelessly biked and hiked, were particularly compelling for Roger and beautifully shared through his writing. A passionate photographer, Cardinals fan, and constant observer of the nature and people around him, Roger's view of the world delighted all who encountered it.He will be remembered, too, for his profound Catholic faith and his remarkable kindness, generosity and good nature.VISITATION 4-7 Tues Nov 6, 2012 at Targhetta &Wooldridge F H in Brighton A prayer service will be held at 5 pm SERVICES 10 am Wed Nov 7, 2012 at St Alphonsus Catholic Church in BrightonCLERGY Fr Bill KesslerCEMETERY Brighton Cemetery MEMORIALS Easters Seal Society