

# Lester Ames

**Jerseyville | Tuesday, March 11 2014**

JERSEYVILLE- Lester E. Ames, 45, died at 3:51 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2014 in the emergency room at Gateway Regional Medical Center in Granite City from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He was born in Alton on Jan. 23, 1969, of two sons born to William Henry & Elizabeth Jane (Miller) Ames. Lester attended Delhi Elementary and graduated from Jersey Community High School with the Class of 1987. He had been employed at Kraft Foods in Granite City since 1998, and was currently in Production Lead. Lester had a heart of gold, and had a need for speed. He was a passionate motorcycle rider, and enjoyed tinkering with anything mechanical and loved to work with his hands, especially woodworking. He and his family had recently began attending Emmanuel Free Methodist Church in Fosterburg, and was looking forward to establishing relationships there. He married the former Teresa Toussaint on Jan. 27, 1995 at the Godfrey Baptist Church and they have shared 19 wonderful years together. Surviving are his wife, Teresa Ames of Jerseyville; his parents, William & Elizabeth "Betty" Ames of Godfrey; two daughters Krista Renee Ames and Elizabeth Maryann Ames both of Jerseyville; an "adopted" daughter, Lynndell Lee of Alton; the apple of his eye, his beloved grandson, Liam Cody Ames; a brother & sister in law, William & Patricia Ames of Carlinville; his niece, whom he cherished, Cassie Ames; and his father in law & mother in law, Stephen & Patricia Toussaint of Carrollton. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William & Ida Ames and Percy & Mary Miller; and his "special" great grandparents, Lester & Bertha Ames. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Monday. Revs. Mark Scandrett & Pat Heston will officiate. Burial will be in the Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be given to the Emmanuel Free Methodist Church in Fosterburg.

