

## Jill Saunders

**East Alton | Sunday, May 4 2014**

Jill Ellen (Flynn) Saunders, 48, passed away peacefully at 5:05 a.m., Sunday, May 4, 2014 at her residence with her family at her side, after a courageous seven year battle with cancer.

Jill was born in Alton on Feb. 19, 1966, the daughter of Thomas E. & Maxine (McCleery) Flynn. Jill spent several years residing in Missouri, but spent the majority of her life in this area, attending schools in Wood River, Jerseyville, and graduating from Calhoun High School in 1984. Jill touched the lives of many people with her smile and her trademark sense of humor, which remained all the way to the end. She immensely enjoyed the company of her family and friends, as well as her endearing pets. Her love of animals prompted her to become a groomer at Canine Clippers in Jefferson City, Mo. Jill was a proud mother of two children whom survive, Amber Jean Flynn of Alton, and Michael Thomas Johns of East Alton; as well a proud grandmother to five grandchildren, Lyric, Senica, Matthew, Kaden, and Little Mikie. Also surviving are her brothers & sisters, Thomas Flynn and his fiancée, Cindy Goben of Alton, Elaina & Kevin Osterbur of Highland, Carla & Michael Maynard of Alton, Steven Bunch of Naples, Fl., Bryan Thompson of East Alton, Lillian & Richard Smith of East Alton, Michael & Czizette Flynn of Oak Harbor, Wa., Tonia Bunch, Jessica & Robbie Helms of Jefferson City, Mo., Jesse & Tammi Bunch of Columbia, Mo., Lisa Baclesse and Jeffrey & Mary Bunch of Jefferson City, Mo.; as well as her stepfather, Jesse Bunch of Jefferson City, Mo. Jill was preceded in death by her mother, Maxine Bunch, her father, Thomas Flynn who passed away two days earlier on May 2, 2014; and her much loved stepmother, Gloria (Rowland) Flynn who died June 2, 2011. Friends and family are invited to attend the combined visitation for Jill and her father, Thomas Flynn from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville. Combine Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2014 at the funeral home, with Rev. Larry Kershner officiating. Burial will be in the Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in



Bethalto. Memorials may be given to the Jill Saunders Memorial Fund at either the funeral home or US Bank in Alton, IL.