



Dan R. "Big Dan" Schroeder



Dan R. Schroeder, 47, of Willard, died Monday, April 28, 2008. He was lost to us too soon as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He was born December 31, 1960, in Harvard, IL, where he graduated from Harvard High School. He joined and served honorably in the United States Marine Corps. After discharge from the MCAS, Yuma, Arizona, he received a football scholarship to Glendale Community College. He married Victoria Holmes in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 4, 1987, and they had two children, Kayne Daniel and Kylie Jean, who were born in Arizona, where he was employed by Intel Corporation for seven years. Always the entertainer and life of the party, Dan had a lifelong dream of owning and operating a bar and grill, so while on vacation, he and his wife, Vicki, purchased what was to become Dan's Place, a restaurant and bar on Division Street. It quickly became and remains a favorite among local Springfield, MO residents. Later, in 2006, they opened another pub, The Last Call, on East Kearney Street. Survivors include Dan's wife, Vicki; their children, Kayne and Kylie, all of Willard; his mother, Barbara Bentley of Springfield; sisters, Valerie Meyer and June Hunsaker, both of Springfield; a sister, Vickie Dewey of Tempe, Ariz.; a brother, Art Bentley of Springfield, Mo.; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and in-laws; and many close friends throughout the country. He will be sorely missed by many. The family would like to thank all the friends and neighbors who so graciously have shown their love and support during this difficult time. The family also wishes to thank the staff at St. John's Hospital, especially the Trauma ICU, for the kind and compassionate care they gave Dan.