

March 20, 2009

Bobby Alford



Bobby "Poppy" Alford, 48, of Knoxville, Tenn., died March 16, 2009, after a long illness.

In his earlier years growing up, Bobby spent most of his time enjoying family and friends in Cross Lanes.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Pal and Edna Alford; brother, Melvin Alford; and grandson, Christian Alford-Burgess.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Jackie (Slater) Alford of Knoxville, Tenn.; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Donnie and Lois Slater of Fraziers Bottom, who Bobby adopted as his parents following the deaths of his own parents; his daughters and sons-in-law, Bobbie-Lee (Alford) and Cy Braley of Knoxville, Jessica (Alford) and Greg Young of Fraziers Bottom and Jennifer Alford and fiancé, Shawn Stanley, of Hurricane; and "Poppy's Angels," Ethan Hamm, Emmalee Alford, Dradon Braley, Gabriel Stanley and Mackenzie Young.

He is also survived by his siblings, Carl Chandler of Cross Lanes, Palmer M. Alford Jr. of South Charleston, Corrine Shaver of Fairmont, Billy Alford and his wife, Gail, of Cross Lanes, Phyllis (Alford) and her husband, Gene Adams, of Rock Hill, S.C., and Kay (Alford) and her husband, Bob Crewdson, of St. Albans; a host of nephews, great-nephews, nieces and great-nieces; and his best friend, Scott West.

Service will be held at noon Saturday, March 21, at Chapman Funeral Home, 3624 Winfield Road, Winfield, with Bishop Robert Smith and the Rev. Bill Toler officiating. Bobby will be placed beside his grandson following the service in New Antioch Cemetery, Red House.

Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at funeral home. Visit www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com to share memories and to express condolences.