Obituaries
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William Ralph Vilmer

MULBERRY - William Ralph Vilmer, 41, of Mulberry died at 6:10 p.m. at the Hospital District #1 of Crawford County.

He was born Nov. 1, 1962 in Pittsburg to William Vilmer and Nancy Russell.

He married Mary Meiers in Chicopee on July 29, 2000, she survives of the home.

He attended Frontenac schools and graduated from the Frontenac High School in 1981. He also attended 2 1/2 years of college.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1982 and was honorably discharged in 1984.

He was a plumber and worked for several different plumbing companies including Ferraro Plumbing and Heating for 10 years. He was a member of the Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Union #664.

Survivors include two sons, William Joseph Meiers Vilmer and James Ralph Vilmer; his parents, Nancy and Warren Russell of Frontenac, and William and Artie Vilmer of Sarcoxie, Mo.; a sister, Ronda Jo Haines of Chanute; step-sister, Carmen Beckfield of Fort Scott; step-brother, Kenny Reagan of Weir; grandparents, Ruby Tocci of Frontenac and Fern Russell of Pittsburg; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, William Dee "Everitt" Vilmer Meiers; grandparents, Ralph Vilmer, Joe Tocci, Mayodene Barker, and Warren Russell; two uncles, Rex Boling, and Wayne Barker.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Friskel Funeral Home with Rev. Jeff Martin officiating. Burial will follow in the Garden of Memories Cemetery. Military rights will be conducted by the Benjamin Fuller Post #64. Family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7-8 p.m. today. Friends may also call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. today. Food and condolences may be left at the home of Paula Teats, 504 Willard, Frontenac. Family will gather at Oakleaf Inc., 3113 N. Michigan, Pittsburg following the services. E-mail condolences may also be left at the admin@friskel.kscxmail.com.

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