



## James D. "Jimmy" Hood, II

December 27, 2012

James D. "Jimmy" Hood, II, 51, of Connellsville, Pa., passed away Thursday, December 27, 2012 at his home, following a lengthy illness. Born in Waynesburg, Pa. on May 5, 1961, he was a son of James D. Hood of Connellsville and the late Mary Jo (Kavlick) Hood. In addition to his loving mother, he was also predeceased by an infant sister Mary; and by his beloved grandparents, Albert and Frances Hood, formerly Greensboro, Pa., and Walter and Mary Kavlick, formerly of Bobtown, Pa. Jimmy was a 1979 graduate of Geibel High School, a 1983 graduate of Waynesburg University, and a 1986 graduate of West Virginia University, where he earned his Master's degree. He taught languages in Pennsylvania and West Virginia public schools, and also at the Westmoreland County Community College. While studying for his doctorate at the University of Kansas, he was stricken with a disabling illness, and forced to return home. Despite his illness, he befriended many in his community and became a source of inspiration to all who knew him. Surviving are father James, and his wife Frances (Zalar) Hood; a brother Joel and his wife Mary (Keita) Hood and step-nephew Scott Bell of Connellsville; a sister Jill and her husband Dr. William Underhill, and their sons, Will and Charlie, all of Richmond, Texas. He had great love and respect for his uncles and aunts, Albert and Gloria Hood, of Davie, FL, Vincent and Karen Kavlick of Green Valley, AZ, Dave Kavlick of Baltimore, MD, and Lucille (Kavlick) Fralick of Powell, TN. Also important in his life were cousins, Mike and Carrie Hood of Florida, and Craig Fralick of California. There will be

no public viewing. Private services will be held with his pastor, Rev. Fr. Charles Martin officiating, with interment in Evergreen Memorial Park, Point Marion, Pa. Arrangements are in the care of the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to his church, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 149 Walnut St., Scottdale, PA 15683.