

**Altendorf, Christopher L.**

Saturday, June 4, 2005, God in his infinite wisdom called Mr. Christopher Lee Altendorf, 40, to a beautiful and lasting place. He was born on July 19, 1964 to Mr. Robert L. and Patricia Altendorf in Woodland, California. He was raised in Thomasville, Georgia, where his fondest childhood memories were made, moving later to Jacksonville, Florida, as a teen. Chris had a successful career at Mazda North America, where he excelled in his work and formed lifetime friendships. Chris retired in 2000 due to declining health. Chris was an avid NASCAR fan, fisherman, and a true friend to all he knew. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife, Denise Werda; a son to be proud of, Christopher Altendorf; a beautiful granddaughter, Taylor Altendorf; his mother, Patricia Altendorf; grandfather, James Hallisey "Poppy"; his beloved dogs, Gabrielle, Sophia, Emily, and Ashley; a loving and caring medical team, other relatives, and many friends. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2005, at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Jacksonville, Florida. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today, at Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, 4115 Hendricks Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Make A Wish Foundation or the Florida Oncology Patient Assistance, 9143 Phillips Highway, Suite 560, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.