



## Cary Meilert

May 9, 1958 - June 17, 2010

Cary James Meilert, "CJ" "Bopper" of Waldorf, MD, died on Thursday, June 17, 2010, at Genesis La Plata Center in La Plata, after a lengthy illness. He was 52 years old.

He is survived by his mother, Alice M. Newcomb of Waldorf; his father, Retired Navy Captain John J. Meilert of Vienna, VA; his sisters, Suzanne E. Fields and her husband Mark, Stephanie M. Holder, Samantha Shelton and her husband Jay, Allison Newcomb and her husband Steve Clark; his brother, Fred Newcomb; his nephew, Blake Holder; his nieces, Shayla Holder and Danielle Lubin; also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cary, who was born on Mother's Day, May 9, 1958, in Minneapolis, MN, was an avid bridge player, sports fan, bowler, tennis and golf player, and lover of music and dancing until his illness forced him to, as he put it, "retire". Bowling was his favorite sport and won the Virginia State Championship which was held in Hampton Roads, VA, for 12 year old players in 1970. He attended Surrattsville High School in Clinton, MD and played on the Charles County Community College Tennis team in 1978.

His other love was cooking and the restaurant business. He had

worked as a waiter and trainer for Hogates, a Washington, DC landmark, in the early '80's and in 1983 was instrumental in opening the Popeyes Chicken and Biscuit restaurant in Annandale, VA, serving as Senior Manager, until his illness forced him to leave in 1988 which he decided to, as he put it "retired" to pursue other interests.

After leaving the restaurant business he turned to another interest and one that allowed him to work outdoors - Landscaping. He particularly enjoyed being his own boss. He worked in that field until he was physically unable to do so. He also had a special love for animals, especially his treasured parakeet, Nicky.

Cary James - Pied Piper of animals, the weak , the less fortunate - Heart of Gold and Untapped Genius.

A family memorial service will be held in Maryland at a later date and the interment will be held in Kansas at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



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