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David L. Kriss of Gatlinburg, passed away on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Ft. Sanders Regional Hospital in Knoxville from sudden heart failure.

Born June 11, 1970, in Springfield, MO; raised in Calvert County, MD; summered in Portage, PA; and, settled in Gatlinburg, TN.

He is survived by his mother, Carol Ann Paterick of Bowie, MD; father Paul Edward Kriss of Bybee, TN; brother, Joseph Paul Kriss of Chattanooga, TN; grandmother Ruth Richardson of Portage, PA; uncle Carl Richardson of York, PA; aunt Rosemarie Noel in Florida; his beloved life and soul mate Jennifer Lacy and children Jared McAlister, Elijah Lacy, and Chase Jones of Gatlinburg; cousins Brian Kriss, Cindy Parks, Sherry Dillane, Amy Kriss, Robert Noel, Theresa Davis, Danielle and Matthew Noel, and Kelsy

Richardson; and many special world-wide friends.

Dave was admired for his outgoing personality, sense of loyalty, and his empathy and compassion toward all. Many knew him only by ~DeVi8i0n and ~DV8, his monikers. Dave's expanded family included everyone he ever met in life. His kind ways, gentle spirit, generous and forgiving heart were well known and will be missed. He devoted time to help homeless individuals in Baltimore, MD, Columbia, SC, and Gatlinburg, TN. His sentiments were with the Portage Area Historical Society and St. Joseph's Parish in Portage, PA. He used money he earned, received on birthdays and at Christmas to buy socks, gloves, and blankets to then distribute to the homeless and poor, many of whom he knew by name and knew their life stories. He developed an Internet presence for the Baltimore homeless and was highly praised in the Baltimore Sun Newspaper for his work. He had little in the way of earthly possessions, yet would give them all to someone in need.

Dave was considered to be an untiring comrade to people who hurt; a source of great knowledge and inspiration to his online community friends; had a highly developed sense of doing what was right by his fellow man; would give you the shirt off his back in an instant; and had an infectious sense of humor. His compassion knew no bounds; he had a strong conviction of the goodness in human nature. Once befriended, Dave never forgot a soul of his heart.

Cremation arrangements are being handled by Rose Mortuary in Knoxville. The family requests donations made in Dave's memory go to the Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministries, PO Box 5968, Sevierville, TN, 37864; the Gatlinburg First United Methodist Church, 742 Parkway / US-441, Gatlinburg, TN 37738; or the Portage Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 45, Portage, PA 15946.

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