

## OBITUARY

### John J. Ayres Jr.

John J. Ayres Jr., 37, of Independence Township, died Monday, March 24, 2003, in St. Clare's Hospital in Denville, N.J.

**Born:** March 18, 1966, in Newton, N.J., a son of John J. Sr. and Carole Garabed Ayres of Independence Township.

**Personal:** He was a police officer with the Hackettstown Police Department, retiring in 2002. In addition to being a police officer, he was the owner of Mall Towing, Inc., in Hackettstown. Prior to that, he was a dispatcher at the Hackettstown Police Department.

He attended Pope John High School in Sparta, N.J., and the Morris County Police Academy in Morris County, N.J.

He had lived in Hackettstown for all of his life.

**Memberships:** He was a member of the P.B.A. of New Jersey and the G.S.T.A. (Garden State Towing Association.)

**Survivors:** his parents; his fiancé, Christina Cerciello, and his son John J. Ayres III, both at home; and a brother, David Ayres, a sister, Rachael Scheper and his paternal grandmother, Elsie Ayres, all of Hackettstown.

His paternal grandfather, Horace Ayres, and his maternal grandparents, Jacob Sr. and Catherine Garabed, all died earlier.

**Services:** 11 a.m. Friday in the Cochran Funeral Home, Inc., 905 High St., Hackettstown. Call from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Hackettstown Union Cemetery in Hackettstown.

**Memorials:** In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the John J. Ayres III Education Fund, in care of the funeral home, Hackettstown, NJ 07840.

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Born on March 18, 1966 in Newton, he lived all his life in Hackettstown. He was the son of John J. and Carole Garabed Ayres Sr.

He was a police officer with the Hackettstown Police Department, retiring in 2002. In addition to being a police officer, he was the owner of Mall Towing Inc., Hackettstown. Prior to that he was a dispatcher at the Hackettstown Police Department.

He was a member of the Police Benevolent Association of New Jersey, and a member of the Garden State Towing Association. He attended Pope John High School, Sparta, and the Morris County Police Academy.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his fiancé, Christina Cerciello; a son, John J. Ayres III, at home; a brother, David Ayres of Hackettstown; a sister, Rachael Scheper of Hackettstown; his paternal grandmother, Elsie Ayres of Hackettstown. His paternal grandfather, Horace Ayres and maternal grandparents, Jacob and Catherine Garabed Sr., died earlier.

Services and arrangements were by Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown. Interment was at Hackettstown Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the John J. Ayres III Education Fund, c/o Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown, N.J. 07840.

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NAME: John J. Ayres, Jr. **AYRES**

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