

OBITUARY

Heath Edward Wood, 39, of Hackettstown, N.J., formerly of Shawnee Mission, Kan., died Saturday, April 11, 2015, in St. Joseph's Medical Center of Tacoma, Wash. Visitation will be held at the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown, N.J., on Friday, April 17, 2015, from 4 to 6 p.m., with services beginning at 6 p.m. Cremation will be private. Born Feb. 5, 1976, in Shawnee Mission, Kan., Heath was the son of Amanda (Klippel) Atanasio and Edward Wood. He was employed by Kirby Offshore Marine LLC of Seattle, Wash., as a chief engineer. Heath was living his lifelong dream of being the chief engineer on the "Nathan E. Stewart" Tugboat in Washington State, and fulfilling his desire to travel to Alaska. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on his "85" Corvette and traveling to attend the Kansas City Chiefs football games. Heath is survived by his mother, Amanda (Klippel) Atanasio; his father, Edward Wood and wife, Rita; his sister, Charlene Walsh; a step-sister, Jamie Becker; his maternal grandmother, Chrisma Ann Klippel; his two uncles, Dave Klippel and wife, Angela, and Dan Klippel and wife, Monica, and many cousins. Heath was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, Paul Klippel; paternal grandparents, John and Josephine Wood; his step-father, Capt. Salvatore Atanasio Jr., and his uncle, Randy Klippel and his wife, Linda.

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