



James R. Bourland

October 15, 1981 - May 6, 2007

Spc. James R. Bourland, US Army National Guard, age 25, of Pocahontas, IL., died Sunday, May 6, 2007, at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

He was born October 15, 1981, in Maryville, IL., the son of Otis Bourland and Theresa (Golden) Kostanjsek.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church - Pierron, IL.

Born at Maryville, IL; grew up at Pierron/Highland area; Graduated from Highland High School in 1999. He had worked for C-RAE Cable Installation and played with the band "Divulsion". He was a member of Charlie Company - Second Battalion Illinois National Guard with duty in Iraq, returned on 3/23/06. Jamie was a talented, accomplished musician who played bass guitar, drums, guitar and sand. He composed music and was a good artist. He was a special friend to many and knew how to make people smile.

His parents operate "Aquatic Treasures" in Fairview Heights, IL.

Survivors include Mother-Theresa M. Kostanjsek, nee Golden of Pocahontas, Ill., Step Father-Velko Kostanjsek of Pocahontas, Ill., Brother-1st Lt. Dameon P. Bourland, USA of Willingboro, N.J., Sister-Dana M. Bourland of Highland, Ill., Half Sister-Susan (Jason) Thomas of O Fallon, Mo., Half Sister-Jennifer (Matthew) Braundmeier of Pierron, Ill., Half Brother-Jesse (fiancee Tara Williams) Pasdeck of Troy, Ill., Step Sister-Verdi Kostanjsek of Belleville, Ill., Step Sister-Bianca Kostanjsek of Highland, Ill., Nieces-Six, Nephew-One, Maternal Grandmother-Kathleen Golden, nee Theisman of Grafton, Ill., Step Maternal Grandmother-Lorene Golden, nee Musy of St. Louis, Mo., Paternal Grandfather-Otis R. Bourland, Sr. of Troy, Ill.

He was preceded in death by Maternal Grandfather-Edward J. Golden, Paternal Grandmother-Doris Bourland.