FRANK RUSSELL DOWNS

Nov. 20, 1958 - July 26, 2004

Frank Russell Downs, 45, Zephyrhills, Fla., formerly of Kokomo, died 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 26, 2004, in Wildwood, Fla. Born Nov. 20, 1958, in Kokomo, he was the son of Frank Gerald Downs and Clotis Ann Graves.

He had owned and operated JR's Used Tires in Kokomo for nine years. He was also well known for racing. He started in the early 1980s racing go-carts, then from the late 1980s until 2002 he raced stock cars in car 31d at racetracks in Montpelier, Gas City, Bunker Hill and Kokomo.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Frank G. and Linda Downs, Kokomo; his mother, Ann Downs, Kokomo; two daughters, Gabrielle Downs and Tara Downs, both of Kokomo; a son, Frank W.R. Downs, Kokomo; a brother, Monty Downs, Kokomo; two stepbrothers, Joseph Berg and Galen Shipp, both of Kokomo; a niece, Wendy Downs, Kokomo; and a nephew, Nick Downs, Kokomo.

Services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the mortuary.

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