

MARK S. THERIAULT, CARPENTER; AT 22

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Mark Stewart Theriault was only 22 when he died in a motorcycle accident in Lynn on July 4, but already he had a circle of friends extending far beyond his home city.

"He lived and breathed his friends," Renee L. Theriault said of her brother. An estimated 800 friends and family members attended his wake Monday, and 300 attended his funeral Tuesday.

"Mark knew people everywhere. We had friends in Connecticut and New York. Everybody knew who Mark was," said Scott Tobin, one of many friends who recall the time Mr. Theriault's sister drove his Jeep to the beach without permission. By the time she returned, half the city had heard about it. "He was livid," his sister said.

Theriault said it was her brother's "Kool-Aid" smile and cheerful attitude that made him the life of parties.

"He loved more than anything in the world to ride his bike," she said. Mr. Theriault bought his first motorcycle about two years ago but he had been riding dirt bikes long before then.

Mr. Theriault spent his life in Lynn. He graduated from Lynn English High School in 1998 and became a carpenter, joining the Local 26 Carpenters' Union.

In addition to his sister, he leaves his parents, Philip D. and Elaine S. of Lynn; a grandmother, Eugenie of Peabody; two aunts, Cindy of Methuen and Dale Deluca of Lynn; and an uncle, Bob of Methuen.

Mr. Theriault was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn.