

Ernest Norton, 24, killed in auto accident

Ernest Norton Jr., 24, died April 11 after suffering head injuries in a vehicle accident. Funeral services were held at Reagan Theime Funeral Home, Springfield, Mo.

Mr. Norton is survived by his wife Ruth and four-month-old daughter Mandy, of Springfield, Mo.; his father, Ernest Norton Sr. of Kotzebue, currently part of the U.S.-Soviet Bering Bridge Expedition; his mother, Roberta Norton Usher of Kotzebue; maternal grandmother Evelyn, uncle Steve Waterdown and sister Candace, all of Tulsa, Okla.

Other survivors include paternal grandparents, Dick and Esther Norton of Kotzebue; his brother Richard and sister Cheryl of Kotzebue; aunts, Natalia Gall and Sophie Evans of Kotzebue and Ruth Bell of Delta Junction; uncles John Evans, James Gall, and Fred and Victor Norton, all of Kotzebue.

Kotzebue was a second home in the past for Ernie Jr., and he will be greatly missed by relatives and friends.

Memorial services are pending in Kotzebue upon his father's completion of the expedition. Condolences may be sent to the family in Kotzebue.