

Crash claims 'Ace' Dodson

Veteran Wien Air Alaska Captain Warren "Ace" Dodson, of Anchorage, was among four persons killed near the village of Shaktoolik in the crash of a light airplane on March 14.

Captain Dodson, a Wien pilot since 1957, was flying the small plane for a team of Spanish photographers who were filming the 1980 Iditarod Classic Sled Dog Race.

Mr. Dodson, 44, was a senior captain in command of Boeing 737 jet aircraft with nearly 23 years of service with the airline. He joined the pilot group of Northern Consolidated Airlines in 1957, which merged with Wien Alaska Airlines in 1968 to form the state's largest air carrier.

Captain Dodson was a lifelong Alaskan, born in Anchorage in 1935 on Christmas Day. He is survived by his wife, Glenda, son Brett, daughter Heather, his mother Miller Dodson, and brother James M. Dodson, Jr., all of Anchorage, and his sister Abigail Mooney, of Denver, Colorado.

Aviation dominated Captain Dodson's professional and per-

sonal life. He collected and flew antique aircraft as a hobby. He was a member of the Antique Aircraft Club, the Experimental Aircraft Association, and the Stinson Club of America, and actively promoted the development of the Transportation Museum of Alaska.

The Dodson family suggests that memorials be made to the World Runner's Association — In Support of Hunger Project, c/o Jake Garrell, SRA Box 1143, Anchorage, Alaska 99502, or to the Transportation Museum of Alaska, SR Box S-875, Palmer, Alaska 99645.