

East Jordan Man Drowns In U.P. Canoe Accident

EAST JORDAN — Monroe T. Cutler Jr., 30, of 403 Nichols St., was drowned in a canoe accident on Johnson Lake, Whitefish Township, Chippewa County, early Sunday morning, according to Chippewa County sheriff's deputies.

Mr. Cutler and his wife Cheryl reportedly had gone to the Upper Peninsula with a party of friends for a weekend outing.

Funeral for Mr. Cutler will be held at the Oak Chapel of the Vanderwall Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Wednesday. The Rev. Dale Turner of the East Jordan Missionary Church will officiate. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Born in Detroit Sept. 12, 1952, Mr. Cutler came to East Jordan with his parents as a small child. In 1972 he was graduated from East Jordan High School where he had been active on the varsity football, basketball and track teams and was an outstanding athlete.

He was a mason by trade and had been employed by the Sayles Construction Co. of Boyne Falls for 10 years. He was affiliated with the Missionary Church. On Feb. 14, 1981, he was married to the former Cheryl L. Batten.

Besides his wife, he is survived by five children, Hope Marie, Melinda Rae and Jeremiah Wayne of Port Huron and Heather Lynel and Jody Louise, at home; his father, Monroe Cutler Sr. of Rockford; a half-brother, Jeffery S. Cutler, also of Rockford; five sisters, Mrs. Michael (Jeanette) Miles, Mrs. Dennis (Bonnie) Skrocki and Vicki Cutler of East Jordan, Jean Cutler of Traverse City and Peggy Cutler of Boyne City and an uncle, Donald Cutler of Wyoming.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday.

The family suggests memorials to the East Jordan Sports Boosters.