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September 04, 2003

Al Larsen

Death Notice September 04, 2003

Al Larsen, 31, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Saturday, Aug. 30, as he struggled to save the lives of other people, trapped by floodwaters on the Kansas Turnpike near Emporia.

Survivors of Larsen include his wife, Elizabeth-Anne, of Fort Worth, Texas; his father, Dr. Ted Larsen, DVM, of Spencer; and Nevada relatives, Marynelle Larsen, his grandmother, and Wayne Larsen, his uncle.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Dr. Aubrey B. Larsen, who had lived in Nevada for 40-some years.

Funeral services are pending at this time.

Marynelle Larsen said the family has been told by a master patrol officer that Al Larsen died a hero, as he went from car to car during Saturday's tragedy, saving people's lives. He had just saved someone else's life, when he fell into the floodwaters and lost his own life.

Al Larsen grew up in Iowa and worked as a computer specialist. On Saturday, he was heading to Nevada to visit his grandmother.

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September 11, 2003

Al Larsen

May 29, 1972, to Aug. 30, 2003

Al Larsen, 31, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Aug. 30 in south of Emporia, Kan., while trying to save other people during a flash flood on the Kansas Turnpike.

He was born May 29, 1972, in Spencer. He obtained a BBA in Finance from the University of Iowa in Iowa City in 1995 and an MBA from the University of Dallas in Dallas, Texas, in May 2002. He and his wife resided in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex

since 1997. He worked for Centex Homes in Dallas for three years as a financial analyst. He then worked at Verizon Corporate Office in Las Colinas for three-and-a-half years as a technical specialist.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth-Anne Larsen of Forth Worth; his father, Theodore Larsen of Spencer; his mother, Betty Nordby of Gilbert, Ariz.; two sisters, Debbie Downey of Alamogordo, N.M.; and Audra Larsen of Phoenix, Ariz.; and his grandmother, Marynelle Larsen of Nevada.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday morning, Sept. 8, at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Keller, Texas, with Father John Gremmels as celebrant. Shannon Rufe Snow Funeral Chapel handled arrangements.