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NICK R. MILLER

Wick R. Miller, Professor of Anthropology and Linguistics at the University of Utah, was gravely injured last Saturday, May 7, in a traffic accident in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. He was flown to a hospital in Phoenix, Arizona, where he died yesterday afternoon (May 9) without ever having regained consciousness. Services will be held in Salt Lake City on Sunday, May 15.

Wick was cut off in the prime of his life and in the midst of his work. He had just finished his second year at the University of Sonora, in a characteristic reaching out to his Mexican colleagues. He was also continuing his long-term field research on Guajiro, a Southern Uto-Aztecan language of Chihuahua.

Wick was the leading student of comparative Uto-Aztecan linguistics in the United States, and stood in the first rank of Americanist Scholars. He was also deeply committed to collaboration, and has left behind two organizations that would not have existed without him: the Friends of Uto-Aztecan, of which he was always the prime mover, and SSILA, over whose organizational meetings he presided, and whose constitution he largely wrote.

He will miss him deeply.

—V.G.
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Victor,

Do you know to whom (and what address) we should send our condolences?

Leanne

Mick's wife's name is Joanne, and the address is is 8958 North Cove Dr., Park City, UT 84060. —V.