



Patrick Orion Mullen – A devoted husband, loving son, and loyal friend died in a car accident on March 9, 2012, near Thompson Pass, Alaska. Patrick was born November 13, 1982, in Farmington, N.M. He graduated from Albuquerque Academy in 2001, received a B.S. from the University of New Mexico and a master's degree in Anthropology from the University of Wyoming. At the time of his death, Patrick was pursuing a Ph.D. from UW while working as an archaeologist at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve.

Patrick is survived by his wife, Willa Mullen, his mother Joyce Mullen and step-father Ron Wild, his father Wally Dotson and partner Peggy Williams, half-brother Lou Dotson, sister-in-law Katya Hafich, grandparents John and Velma Mullen, grandparents Wallace and Barbara Dotson, aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous loving friends.

Patrick will be missed for his kindness, humor, courage, loyalty, love of family, adventurous spirit, and love of wilderness. Willa, the love of his life, shared his love for the outdoors and they enjoyed many adventures together while building a life together in Kenny Lake, Alaska. Patrick found great joy and peace in the mountains through backcountry skiing, mountaineering, hunting, and exploring the wild places of the west and Alaska— something he did the last day of his life.

Patrick will be remembered as he was: a strong, deliberate and contented man with a keen sense of humor. He led by example and action in his academic and athletic pursuits. In Patrick's words, the only limit to our accomplishments is our ambition, of which Patrick had endless amounts.

Memorial services will be held at Albuquerque Academy, 3 pm Friday, March 16th. A memorial is also being planned in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park later this year. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Albuquerque Academy scholarship fund www.aa.edu or the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, www.nmwild.org.