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Canaan iron worker falls to death on job site

CANAAN — Family members remember a 41-year-old Canaan man who fell to his death at a Massachusetts construction site as a devoted family man and a hard worker. Clinton L. Lord died Wednesday after falling more than 25 feet from the steel skeleton of a middle school being built in Dorchester, according to a report from the Thursday edition of The Boston Globe. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating the death. Lord was working for Zichelle Steel Erectors of Leominister, Mass., a subcontractor for Peabody Construction of Braintree, the site manager. Zichelle was fined $13,000 and cited for 11 violations at a Taunton job site last year. One of the citations came after an inspector reportedly saw an employee walking on a steel beam 36 feet above the ground without a safety harness. Other violations include workers failing to wear hard hats and problems with electrical wiring at the site. A family member said Friday that Lord was an iron worker whose profession took him all over the nation and even out of the country. Despite often working far away, Lord was home almost every weekend, according to his brother-in-law, Chad Corson, of Topsham. “He worked real hard for his family. Even at home, he was always outside working on something. He loved being home with his family,” said Corson. Lord had two grown children and two teen-age daughters. Originally from Alabama, Lord liked living in Canaan at his home on the Battle Ridge Road and had many friends in the area. “He befriended everybody he met,” said Corson. He said his brother was a “weekend farmer” who raised pigs and other animals and enjoyed hunting. The funeral is scheduled Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Skowhegan Federated Church on Island Avenue.