Jerome Strong,

Jerome Strong, 39, died Monday at Central Suffolk Hospital in Riverhead, N.Y., after a brief illness.

He was born in Welaka and had lived in new York since 1983. He worked for many years in Crescent City for L&W Furniture Co. and attended Damascus Missionary Baptist Church in Welaka.

He is survived by his son, Jerome Strong Jr. of Welaka; daughters, Michelle Strong and Lacada Strong of Welaka; brother, Sylvester Strong of Elizabeth City, N.C.; sisters, Cormeal Donaldson, Gloria Hayes, Angeline Smallwood and Janice Strong, all of Welaka.

The funeral will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Damascus Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. A. M. Moore officiating. Burial will be in Welaka-Georgetown Cemetery.

Watts Funeral Home in San Mateo is handling arrangements.

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