

Kids whose dad died awarded \$9 million

□ An Orlando jury decided doctors could have saved the man with an aneurysm.

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Doctors who did not save a man with a brain aneurysm should pay \$9 million in damages to his three young children, an Orlando jury has decided.

The medical-negligence verdict may be the highest ever awarded in Orange

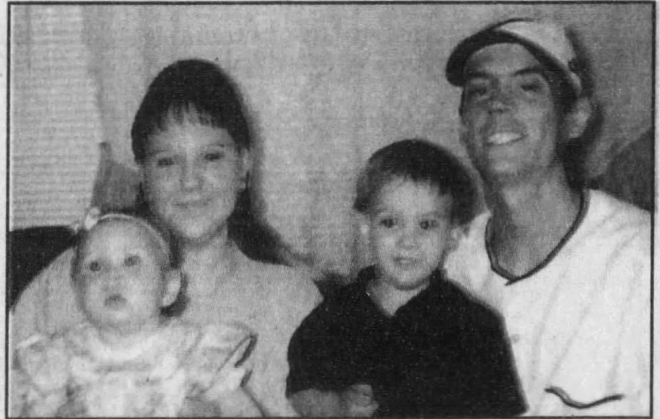
County, attorneys said.

Gabriel Anderson, 24, died at Florida Hospital Orlando in October 1998 after succumbing to a golf ball-sized aneurysm. Attorney Elizabeth Faiella sued on behalf of his children, ages 3, 5 and 7 years old.

Emergency-room doctors had several chances to save Anderson but failed to act quickly enough, the attorney said. The Ocoee furniture mover spent the last hours of his life at the emergency room in excruciating pain, Faiella said.

"I watched him beg for

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Family photo. Carrie and Gabriel Anderson (above) hold their children, Alanna, 3, and Devin, 5. Gabriel Anderson's daughter, Samantha Irelan, 7, (left) lives with her mother in Georgia but will share in the award. The court would hold and distribute the money to the kids.

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