

WHO WAS HE?

The skeleton is that of an adult man about 1.50 m. tall: the face of the deceased was oriented towards sunrise (east). A burial dowry can be seen: as in most cases, in addition to a square-mouth vase, there are flint tools and an axe made with green stone.

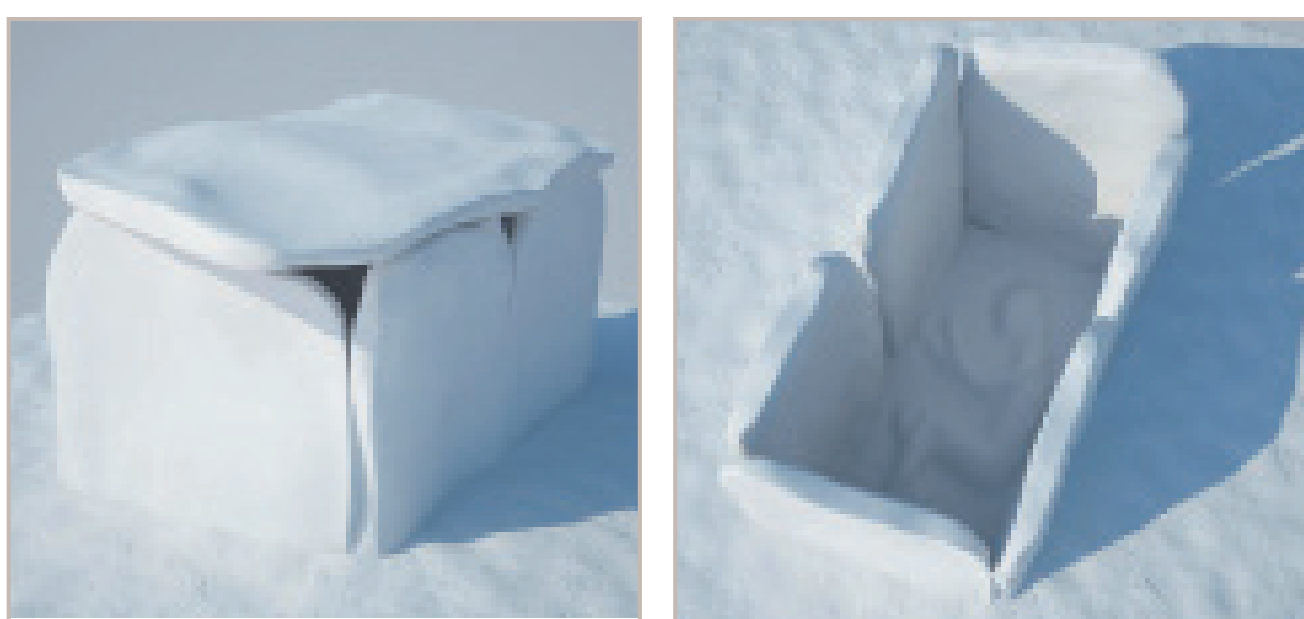
The cause of death is still unknown.

Note the worn teeth, due to a diet that included bread made from whole wheat flour and rich in mineral elements.

WHAT IS THIS?

This burial dates back to the Middle Neolithic (Culture of square mouth Vases, IV century BC) and originates from the Quinzano necropolis (VR): all the skeletons were placed crouched in simple pits, often covered with piles of stones.

This burial is more complex than the Paleolithic ones, since it is a lithic cist burial: stones were placed along the pit and planks were placed on top. Probably above the burial pit there was a mound or a stele.



Reconstruction of a lithic cist burial

Did you know?

The difference between burial and grave?

Burial is the underground entombment of the deceased, together with ritual objects relating to beliefs about life after death.

A grave is the man made site that preserves the remains of the deceased.

In the Paleolithic era only burials are noted, whilst the first graves appear in the Neolithic age.