

Scott Johnson
Memorial Scholarship
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- by Brandy Johnson



Scott Johnson was born in Fairbanks and raised in Tok, Alaska. In second grade, he told his parents, Bud and Pam Johnson that he was going to be an Alaska State Trooper, from which he never wavered.

Scott was an exceptional athlete. Wrestling was his passion. He started wrestling when he was five years old. Scott proved to be an exceptional wrestler. In junior high school, he was ranked one of the top wrestlers in the nation and represented Alaska at Western Regionals in Idaho, placing first. Scott went on to wrestle in high school, where he was ranked a four-time regional champion and a two-time state champion.

In high school is where I met my best friend, Scott.

Scott attended Southern Oregon State College with plans of returning to his home state to become an Alaska State Trooper. While in college, he was a two-time regional champion and a two-time all-American wrestler. He volunteered as a reserve police officer for the city of Ashland, Oregon and had a summer job as a cadet for the Oregon State Police. Upon graduation, Scott gave up his final year of eligibility, where he was ranked a number one N.A.I.A. wrestler, to begin his law enforcement career.

After receiving his B.S. in criminology in 1991, he decided to return to Alaska and was hired with the Department of Public Safety in Barrow as a police officer. While in Barrow, he was the assistant wrestling coach and head coach the following year. In 1993, Scott was hired by the Alaska State Troopers and stationed in Fairbanks. The following year, Scott and I married. Our first home was in North Pole, where Scott assisted with the wrestling team at North Pole High School. We began raising three daughters, Hayly, Hana and Halene. During this time, he and I designed and built a home in Fairbanks.

Scott was a person who led from the front. He set very high standards for himself. After graduating his recruit class as valedictorian, he was assigned to Fairbanks patrol. Scott became involved with the Special Emergency Response Team (S.E.R.T.) for 19 years and held positions of perimeter team leader, entry team leader and acting team leader. He was a K-9 handler, instructor and coordinator. In addition, Scott trained at least 33 dual purpose and/or drug detection canine teams throughout Alaska. He also worked in the Alaska Bureau of Investigation and at the age of 36 was promoted to sergeant. Scott oversaw patrol shift and later transferred to the Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement. Scott earned at least 43 letters of commendation, including two commendations for honorable service during his career.

Scott was killed in the line of duty on May 1, 2014. He had served the State of Alaska for 23 years.

Scott's professional affiliations included Life Member of the National Rifleman's Association, Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers, National Tactical Officer's Association and the Alaska Peace Officers Association.

Scott's passion was hunting on the Yukon River with his family and friends. He also enjoyed fishing and spending time outdoors in Alaska.

Whereas, Scott Johnson's memory is of utmost importance to me, our daughters, family members, and friends. The Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship is modeled after Scott, with the goal of benefiting students who emulate Scott's love of the outdoors, his devotion to his family and his dedication to his profession and community. Scott's long record of service is worth honoring. His commitment to his family worth cherishing and I wish to create this endowment to honor his life and his sacrifice so that his name will live forever in our hearts and minds.