

*** PATRICK “SCOTT” JOHNSON ***

The members of the Twenty-ninth Alaska State Legislature join the family, friends and neighbors of Trooper Patrick “Scott” Johnson in mourning his passing and celebrating his life.

Scott, son of Pamela and Bud Johnson, was Alaska grown. Born in 1969 in Fairbanks, he was raised hunting and fishing with his family in Tok. In the second grade, he told his parents he was going to be an Alaska State Trooper, a goal from which he never wavered.

Scott was an exceptional athlete and competed in many sports, but wrestling was his passion. He started wrestling when he was five years old and proved to be exceptional. By junior high, 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 a four-time regional champion and a two-time state champion. He wrestled for Southern Oregon State College, and was a two-time regional champion and a two-time All American wrestler.

Scott 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. In 1991, he received his degree in criminology and returned to Alaska to work as a police officer in Barrow. While in Barrow, he was the assistant wrestling coach and then head coach the following year.

In 1993, Scott was hired by the Alaska State Troopers and stationed in Fairbanks. The following year, he married Brandy. Their first home was in North Pole, where Scott assisted with the wrestling team at North Pole High School. Scott and Brandy began raising their three daughters. During this time, they built their second home together in Fairbanks.

Scott graduated his recruit class as valedictorian and was assigned to Fairbanks patrol. He became involved with 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, K-9 lead instructor, and K-9 coordinator. He was an investigator for the Alaska Bureau of Investigation. During the past 16 years, Scott trained at least 33 dual purpose and/or drug detection canine teams throughout Alaska. At age 36, he was promoted to sergeant. First, he 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. Scott was an Alaska State Trooper who led from the front and set very high standards for himself. He died in the line of duty on May 1, 2014.

Scott is survived by his wife, Brandy; daughters; Hayly, Hana and Halene; parents, Pam and Bud Johnson; brothers, Shaun and Brian; and many cousins and wonderful friends.

The members of the Twenty-ninth Alaska State Legislature are grateful for his service and join with family and friends in honoring the memory of Trooper Patrick “Scott” Johnson as a man devoted to the call of duty and to his fellow man.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SEN. JOHN COGHILL
PRIME SPONSOR

Date: March 6, 2015

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