



Travis J. Pesek Memorial Scholarship

1972-1992

The overwhelming support to establish this scholarship was a tribute to Travis Pesek, an outstanding young man.

Travis J. Pesek was born November 28, 1972, in Devils Lake, North Dakota, the first child of Duane and Louise Pesek. In 1976, he was joined by a sister, Misty. While attending St. Joseph's grade school, he began to show a special interest in and talent for athletics, participating in both basketball and flag football. Throughout junior and senior high school at Devils Lake Central, Travis participated in sports year round. When not involved in track, baseball, football, and basketball, he filled his leisure time with hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and water skiing. During his school days, Travis was also confirmed as a member of St. Joseph's Church and served as a dedicated altar boy for six years.

Schwan Wholesale was Travis's place of employment after high school graduation and through his first year of college. In 1992, he began a position at First National Bank while attending college as a full-time student. Travis was considering a career path similar to his father's—Duane Pesek is now retired from First State Bank of Munich—but his career exploration was cut short. In December of 1992, Travis lost his life in a tragic snowmobiling accident. At the time of his death, Travis was a second-year student at Lake Region State College.

The Travis J. Pesek Memorial Scholarship was established as a memorial by family and friends along with generous support from the entire community. The family hopes this scholarship will benefit a dedicated, outgoing Devils Lake High School graduate who will work hard to accomplish his or her educational goals at Lake Region State College. ♦