Scott Allan Thompson was born April 22, 1957, and was older sibling to Dawn and Todd. Their parents are long-time Devils Lake residents Allan and Evon Thompson.

Scott received his elementary education at Prairie View Elementary School in Devils Lake. He attended Sunday School at and eventually became a confirmed member of St. Olaf Lutheran Church.

During the summer months, he was employed at the family-owned Thompson’s Glass and Paint, working alongside his father. Scott has been described as having a quiet nature with a competitive trait and seemed to enjoy “living on the edge.” Snowmobile racing in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Canada was simply part of Scott. He would easily capture first-place trophies. It became a family affair for the Thompsons to join Scott in his many travels as a young, acclaimed snowmobile enthusiast. He was also an avid motorcyclist, hunter, and fisherman. To add even more excitement to this adventurous sixteen-year-old’s life, he enrolled in flying lessons, learning from one of the Lake Region’s legends, Dan Wakefield, Sr. Flying merely added to the exhilaration Scott was seeking.

Scott was a junior at Devils Lake High School at the time of his death on September 25, 1973. His life was taken entirely too soon. He died as the result of a motorcycle accident west of Devils Lake. Even though Scott is no longer with us, his zest for life continues to be an inspiration to his family and everyone who knew him.

Scott’s family has established this scholarship in memory of their son. It is awarded annually to a student pursuing an education at Lake Region State College.