

# Matthew Wood Memorial Scholarship

**M**atthew Wood was his parents' wedding anniversary gift. He came into this world on June 20, 1990. From the time he was born until the time of his death, he was the type of individual who never stressed over the little things. He was a laid-back, fun-loving kid who lived in the moment.

In his younger years, he enjoyed playing war games on his computer. As he matured, his interests changed, and he became more involved in outdoor activities. He participated in football, track, and wrestling at Devils Lake High School. The ROTC

program took his computer war games to the next level. He enjoyed the many challenges it presented and had plans to either continue with the program in college or join the military. Matthew also enjoyed music, choosing the viola as his instrument and sticking with it from the fourth grade.

Outside of school, Matthew loved the time he spent at East Bay Campground which is owned and operated by his parents. It provided an opportunity to develop

good work skills and a chance to meet kids from all over the state. He couldn't wait for Friday nights to come around so he could join up with his many friends and "cruise" the campground to check things out.

Matthew lost his life in a tragic firearms accident. He died September 19, 2006.

Matthew's parents, Bill and Val Wood, and siblings Jessica, Kristin, and Evan searched for a

way to bring meaning to their loss. They decided to build a legacy to Matthew's memory by establishing an endowed scholarship. The Matthew Wood Memorial Scholarship will be directed to Devils Lake High School graduates whose interests and aspirations are similar to Matthew's. ●

