

Robert Jason Gore Scholarship Fund



Robert "Jason" Gore

Robert "Jason" Gore was only 23 when Iraqi insurgents shot down the helicopter in which he was flying on April 21, 2005. He had completed a full tour of duty in Iraq as a member of the Iowa National Guard's 186th Military Police Unit and returned on inactive status to provide personal security for the diplomats of the US State Department.

While his last permanent residence was in Iowa, he spent a considerable part of his life in Sheboygan, where he achieved many of his goals. Jason graduated from St. John's Northwestern Military Academy. He received his pilot's license while attending St. John's, competed at the state wrestling meet and swam for the YMCA. He was active in the Sheboygan County YMCA and spent several summers at Camp Y-Koda where he developed many of his leadership skills.

Jason was also an accomplished skier and avid fisherman. He shared much of his love for the outdoors and sports with his grandfather, Donald Gore, MD, with whom he shared a very deep connection and sense of adventure. Their trips included helicopter skiing in the coastal mountains of British Columbia, Canada, canoeing in the Northwest Territories of Canada, backpacking in the Colorado Rocky Mountains and fly fishing in Montana.

Achieving excellence was a driving force in Jason's life. Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Peterson, Gore's first line leader in the National Guard, described him as a young sergeant who was ambitious, a leader who worked hard and was even



CHIVALRY.

*Fighting for what
you believe in.*

*Dying for what
you believe in.*

HONOR. LOYALTY.

*I believe in these
values strongly.*

*Those things are
the heart and soul
of me.*

— Robert “Jason” Gore

caught studying biology while on duty. Peterson boasted that Jason could disassemble and reassemble a gun faster than anyone, and could even do it blindfolded.

Independence was important to Jason. His next goal was to earn enough money to return to school, possibly studying physics or biomedicine.

What drives a young man with so much zest for life to put his life at risk protecting others?

“He was always the protector. He looked out for people,” explained Matt Plotkin, a friend from St. John’s. Family photos show a young man embracing a young child or wrapping his arm around his younger brother. He tempered his life with selflessness, love, compassion, commitment to others and a wonderful sense of humor.

In honor and memory of Robert “Jason” Gore, his grandparents, Doctor Donald R. and Mrs. Jacquelyn Gore, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, have established this fund to help support the medical education of a student who exemplifies the values Jason Gore lived, values which will benefit the patients they serve.