Jason Thompson was born in Nampa, Idaho on February 8, 1972. He spent his early childhood years in Nampa and ten years (ages 7—17) in Kelso, Washington. When he came back to Nampa to start school at Nampa High, he was given the name of “Kelso” by his high school friends. Jason began his higher education career away from home at Southern Nazarene University. After one year, he returned to NNC where he enrolled as a Pre-Physical Therapy Major. Following the traditional Thompson seven-year degree completion program, Jason participated in the commencement activities in June 1996. He spent the next year working to complete his final six credits.

On October 8, 1997, Jason was killed in a drunk driving accident.

Jason was a young man whose dimpled smile exemplified the love and concern he had for his family and friends. His loyalty and gentle spirit were the trademarks of his life. Times spent with his family and friends were full of love and laughter. He enjoyed life! He relished in the goose hunt, enjoyed snow skiing, wakeboarding, camping and fishing.

Surrounded by the prayers and love of his family, Jason had clearly positioned himself toward his Heavenly Father several months before his death. God was speaking to his heart about lifestyle choices, and Jason had witnessed to his father about the way in which God was changing his life. God does miraculous work!

It is the family's desire that this scholarship help students who desire to help others through physical therapy care.

**Criteria for the Award**

1. Awards are to be made to students who are majoring in Pre-Physical Therapy;
2. Financial needs of the student may be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
3. Student must have a minimum GPA of 2.8;
4. Nominations for this award are to be made by the Department of Biology to the Office of Financial Aid for approval by the Scholarship Committee;
5. Student must demonstrate a desire to know God and have a genuine concern for others.

* A most satisfying way to honor a loved one or friend is to invest in a life yet to be lived. Gifts to NNC's Endowed Scholarship Program become a "helping hand" to students as they prepare for their vocations and for lives of service to others. For more information, contact the Development Office, NNC, 623 Holly St., Nampa, ID 83686. Phone (208) 467-8772.