

Casey Clark Memorial Gallatin College Aviation Scholarship



Casey Robert Clark was born and raised in Great Falls, Montana. From the time he was a young child he never missed an opportunity for fun and adventure. He loved to ride his dirt bike at the track and go four wheeling while camping with family.

As he grew older, Casey took advantage of all Montana has to offer. In the winter he relished in the snow through snowboarding and snowmobiling and in the summer he loved the Montana water, whether he was at the lake with family wake boarding and jet skiing, or hiking into the Sluice Boxes with friends to find and jump off the highest rock into the water.

Casey made sure his adulthood was as full as his childhood. He loved the thrill of his motorcycle and never missed an opportunity to sky dive. Similarly, he chose to not settle for a basic degree, but instead a career that filled his everyday with meaning and was persistent to pursue his passion for flying. He moved to Texas and began his training to be a helicopter pilot and not only obtained both his private and commercial pilot's licenses. These accomplishments lead him to move forward with his career by joining Gulf Coast Helicopters, fulfilling his dream of working and flying for a living.

Casey had plans of following his dreams even further within the aviation field – he talked about moving back to Montana and flying around the mountains and lakes he loved. If he was with us today he would still be flying and living each day to it's fullest.

Casey's family holds great pride in the man he became. His charismatic character was remarkable. Family cherished him, friends loved him, new acquaintances thought he was delightful, and even kids were drawn to the enthusiasm and energy he possessed. He grew up to be beautiful, kind, sensitive, sincere and respectful. He used his mischievous sense of humor and wittiness to create laughter and joy. Casey loved animals (especially his dog, Lucy), treasured his friends, and adored his family. He was the perfect "momma's boy," our perfect son.

This scholarship is not only about pursuing a career in aviation, but also pursuing a full life, a life that approaches everyday with a vision of passion and excitement. It is meant to help someone else live his or her dream. Most importantly, this scholarship serves to pass on Casey's message to us all: Do what you love everyday and don't settle for less!

-The Clark Family