

Mark Arkell Memorial Foundation

Mark graduated from Sanborn-Lamberton High School in 1990 and Southwest State University in Marshall with a degree in History Education and a coaching certification. Mark loved sports and is well-known for his ability on the wrestling mat and football field. He received numerous awards and commendations, along with trips to state, during his high school career. Southwest State recruited Mark for both football and wrestling.

Mark earned his nickname, Sparky, for his fearless attitude and endearing spirit as an eighth grader on the varsity wrestling team. That spirit carried on in Mark's life. He held close his family and friends, and gave back to the local community through coaching youth basketball, soccer, football and baseball. Even after death, Mark continued to give back as an organ donor.

Above all Mark is known for his generosity, his character, his kindness, and his big heart. His personality was infectious – at times seemingly larger than life, and always providing a "spark" to all who were blessed to have known him and loved him.

Mark passed away unexpectedly in 2018 in a tragic grain bin accident. To honor Mark's life, his high school classmates have established the Mark Arkell Memorial Foundation. The purpose of the foundation is twofold:

- 1. To award scholarships to Red Rock Central seniors who will be attending college, based on character and community involvement, and
- **2.** Assist in the promotion of youth athletics in the Red Rock Central area through funding and sponsored events.

If you are interested in contributing to the foundation, there are three ways:

- 1. There is a Go Fund Me page: www.gofundme.com/mark-arkell-memorial
- 2. You can deposit directly into the **Mark Arkell Memorial Foundation** account at US Bank.
- You can mail a check to:
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 c/o Jason Hoffrogge
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