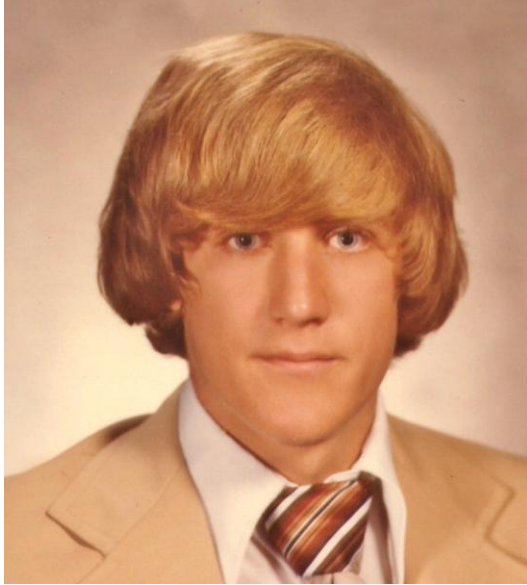


Mark Sturm Memorial Endowment



Mark Sturm was the son of Walter and Patricia Sturm, and he was born on November 23, 1962 at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, Massachusetts. During Walter's military service with the United States Air Force, the entire Sturm family traveled extensively. Mark had the opportunity to be in England with his family in his early years. When Walter retired from the service in 1975, the Sturm family settled in Westfield, Massachusetts.

Mark attended Westfield High School along with his brother Steven, and his sister Cindy. He was a skilled athlete and earned varsity letters in soccer and wrestling. Mark excelled as the goalie for the Westfield High School Varsity Soccer team. He was a fearless competitor at heart

and would attempt to conquer the almost impossible.

As Mark started his senior year at WHS, he kept quite busy with homework and soccer. Like all his senior classmates, he was looking ahead eagerly to their June 1980 graduation day. On September 17, 1979, Mark died of severe internal injuries he sustained after falling 200 feet from a sheer cliff he was attempting to climb at an old rock quarry. He will forever be in our thoughts.

In 1993, Walter and Patricia Sturm established this scholarship in loving memory of our son. Mark's dream of college died with him that September day, but this scholarship will help another Westfield student to reach that goal.

Written by: Walter Sturm

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