

## **The Mark James Mendenhall Memorial Scholarship**

As time goes by, those who apply for this scholarship will want to know more about the scholarship and how Mark James Mendenhall inspired this award.

Mark began his education at Fall Creek School when his family moved from Jonesville, NC in 1979. He was a cub scout, played T-ball and Little League baseball, basketball, and soccer at Fall Creek School. On completing the eighth grade, he received the Presidential Academic Achievement Award.

Then he began some of the happiest times of his life. He became a student at Forbush High School.

He played football his freshman year, participated in Project Prom, and helped with fund raisers, such as magazine sales, candy sales, and fruit sales. His sophomore year he joined SADD, FBLA, and participated on the track team.

His interests included music, hunting, fishing, target shooting, and being with his friends and family.

In preparation for college, he took advantage of every opportunity. He served as a N.C. Senate Page in 1989, and had planned to work summers for a family friend who is an attorney. Law was his priority as a career, but he had an interest in electronics and business. He worked helping his uncle who owned his own electronics business every time he had a chance.

Mark was determined to make his junior year a better year with plans to try out for the shooting team and to participate in track and soccer. He made more plans for studies since grades were vital in his plans for college. He hoped to attend Duke University, Campbell University, or Wake Forest University. His family and friends supported him with their love and encouragement for his plans.

He was a teenager who was courteous and helpful to the elderly. He was good natured with small children, and a good, decent, unselfish young man with a loving nature and a wonderful sense of humor. Mark had a close and happy relationship with his family. His parents have always been proud of him.

Mark James Mendenhall, son of Danny J. and Judy H. Mendenhall, born April 13, 1974, died June 9, 1990 from injuries received in a car accident after he left school for lunch.

Scholarships will be awarded annually to Forbush High School students who plan to pursue a career in law, electronics, or business.