



Paul Starkey

Paul Starkey was a valedictorian graduate of MHS in 1997. As his father I can tell you he achieved his perfect 4.0, not because he was a genius or loved school and studying, but because he was conscientious, worked very hard and would accept nothing less of himself. His teachers, family and friends respected his efforts.

Paul was also a wrestler but primarily a bow hunter and fisherman. He loved the outdoors and grew up hunting and fishing in the Coos Bay area where he harvested deer, bear and bull elk with his bow. He also made 4 two week long Alaska wilderness float fly-fishing trips starting at age 12.

Paul's career goal was to achieve a doctorate degree in Fish and Wildlife management and then attain a position where he might influence a common sense balanced use approach to resource management. He appreciated that the timber industry supported his family and community and saw with his own eyes that fish and wildlife are in fact compatible with logging.

Paul died unexpectedly 3 days before his 20th birthday 18 June 1999. His heart stopped suddenly while playing volleyball at a US Fish & Wildlife school in Virginia that he was attending enroute to a summer job in Alaska. He had just completed his sophomore year at OSU fish & wildlife school.

Paul's friends and family donated the funds to create this perpetual annual scholarship of \$1200. It carries the criteria of a senior, good student of MHS enrolled in college and pursuing a career in natural resources. The person should have a love of the outdoors, a strong work ethic, common sense with an appreciation of balanced use of resources and have the respect of teachers, employers and peers.