



Mark Daniel Bauer

Died Age 18

Morphine & Oxycodone

February 12, 1986 – May 28, 2004

Cause of Death: Mixed blood toxicity (including Morphine and Oxycodone)

Mark touched the lives of many people during his short lifetime. He was special to those who had the pleasure of getting to know him. Never much for words, he had a great sense of humor, and his smile would light up a room. It was devastating to the many people who loved him when he died just one week before his high school graduation.

Mark always loved the ocean, animals, hiking, and playing video games. His favorite sport was basketball and he used to tape every Bull's game on TV when Michael Jordan was playing. Although he was only 5'9", he could dunk a basketball.

Mark was an avid weightlifter and would sometimes lift seven days a week. Although he only weighed 180 lbs, he could bench press almost 400 lbs. He sometimes lifted in the middle

of the night because he had trouble sleeping. Even when he started to have chronic back pain, he would continue to work out.

Mark was so strong, he was seemingly invincible. After he died, we found out that he had taken prescription painkillers for his back pain. They weren't prescribed for him and, on the morning of May 28, 2004, he never woke up. It is believed that he got the drugs from a co-worker.

Mark's mom, dad, and brother are devastated and heartbroken. Life is not the same anymore. Maybe someday the memories of Mark will bring laughter and joy to our hearts....but right now, it just hurts. It's amazing how every facet of daily life brings a reminder of Mark.

Mark, you will be with us forever and will always be a part of our lives. You are greatly loved and missed by the many whose lives you touched and we will never let your memory fade.

Phil Bauer (Mark's dad)



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