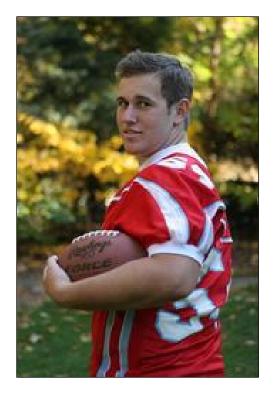
David Steele



David Steele was the son of Paul and Susanne Steele. David was raised in Ashland, Oregon where he played football for the Grizzlies at Ashland High School. He was a passionate football player, hard worker and devoted teammate.

In 2007, David went to Bend, to study at Central Oregon Community College. He wanted to become a firefighter and emergency medical technician.

Last summer he battled forest fires to pay for his education. This year he signed up with Grayback Forestry again. David died doing what he wanted to do.

David was dedicated to making a difference. His motto on his MySpace page read: "Live for something or die for nothing. It's your choice."

He will always be remembered by his family and friends as a beloved older brother, a solid student, and fun-loving friend. He was a big, strong boy with a warm smile and heart of gold. He is our family HERO.