

## Caleb Lives On

Please help us keep Caleb Stockmaster's memory alive by participating in or attending

### The Caleb Stockmaster Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament.

Caleb Stockamster was diagnosed with Stage 4 Esophageal cancer when he was 22 years old. Caleb was a wrestler all his life and wrestled for Margaretta and then moved on to wrestle for Cleveland State University.

Prior to being diagnosed with cancer, Caleb injured his back during a routine practice in July of 2018. He was hospitalized several times due to pain and went through rigorous physical therapy before an MRI was approved by the insurance company. The MRI revealed a tumor on his L2 which was pressing on his spine and nerves. Caleb immediately underwent a 7.5hr surgery to remove the tumor, insert 2 rods, 4 screws and a cage in his back. After several MRI's, CT scans and surgical scopes, Caleb was given the life shattering diagnosis of Stage 4 Esophageal Cancer. It had already spread from his esophagus to his spine forming the tumor. Caleb went through countless chemo treatments, cold-cap therapy and fought until the very bitter end. Caleb gained his wings on August 24, 2020 at 10pm in his home surrounded by loved ones. Our lives are forever changed and we do not want his battle to have been for nothing. Therefore, we have chosen to let Caleb live on in the form of a yearly scholarship given to a Margaretta graduate.

Caleb had so much strength, courage and determination in everything he did. He was an athlete from birth with a true fighting spirit. He didn't want people knowing he was sick when he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer because he didn't want them to feel sorry for him or treat him differently. Giving up was not in his vocabulary nor his blood. Caleb was always there for anyone that needed him. He was a wonderful son, brother, uncle and friend and he made us all proud. If you never met Caleb, he was the kind of person that had an infectious smile and laugh that would melt your heart.

At Margaretta, he was a triple threat athlete participating in football, wrestling and track. He qualified twice for state and placed at state his senior year in wrestling. After graduation, he continued his wrestling career at Kent State for the 2015-16 season before transferring to Cleveland State in 2017 where he placed 3rd in the All-American Open and 1st in the Storm Open.

During his spare time, he made it a priority to give back to his Alma Mater. He had a passion for the Margareta Wrestling Program and was an assistant coach for the team for several years.

When it came to wrestling, Caleb was doing that both on and off the mat. Showing his true spirit and never giving up, he used many skills acquired during training mentally and physically. Wrestling is a self sport, a mental strength that is both loud and quiet. He used to say when he was on the mat, he heard nothing, nothing except his breathing and his opponents breathing. No matter how the crowd roared, screamed his name or cheered him on, he was in his own head fighting. This was true with his cancer. Although he was not alone, he wanted to do it on his own and not burden anyone. He insisted on his independence and NEVER gave up. Even on the day of his passing, he was talking about starting the new round of chemo and overcoming this. That same warrior spirit was transformed into an award that Caleb was allowed to present to a member of the Margareta Wrestling team. It was very rare that someone still living has the opportunity to do this. Caleb lives on through the wrestlers at Margareta and his love for the sport. Please help us keep his scholarship alive.