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Tyler Phipps Memorial Golf Tournament

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SPRINGFIELD, MO — During his limited working years at Market Fresh Produce LLC, the late Tyler Phipps became a mentor to his father, Steve Phipps, who remembered the son he adored at a June 24 dinner at the Metro Grill, here.

The dinner, which hosted 77 friends and industry supporters, was a lead-in to the June 25 Tyler Phipps Memorial Golf Tournament. Steve and Vickie Phipps created the event to raise scholarship money for high school and college students participating in athletics. Tyler was a standout baseball player for Ozark High School in Ozark, MO. He turned down college scholarships in baseball to wrestle in college. Tyler was a three-time conference champion as a high school wrestler and a state qualifier. He wrestled on scholarships at York College in York, NE, and was able to go and compete at division 2 nationals twice.

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Tyler Phipps was 29 years old when he went bow hunting alone late in the day on Sept. 24, 2014. He fell from his hunting perch in a tree. Steve Phipps indicated that Tyler was so mature and of such high character that the father saw the son as a mentor.

“He lived life to the fullest. He liked to give to others,” Steve Phipps said. Steve Phipps said the Tyler Phipps Memorial Scholarship Foundation had raised about \$83,000 going into the late June event. One hundred percent of that money is given to high school or college students to boost their education.

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