

# CANDICE HARMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Candice (Candi) was born on May 29, 1974, at Bassett Army Hospital, Fort Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska, to Stan and Pat Harms. She had one older sister, Rebecca (Becky) Harms. Candice went to St. Mary's Parish School in Lincoln through the eighth grade and then attended Pius X High School in Lincoln. Her attendance at Pius X High School helped to strengthen her faith in God and helped her to develop into a loving and nurturing young woman. She had a small part in the school production "Hey, Teach" her sophomore year and this further developed her self-confidence, creativity, and self-esteem. She also made many new friends and the experience was the highlight of her Pius years. Candice graduated from Pius X High School in May of 1992, and started her college education in the fall of 1992 at the University of Nebraska.

Candi was tragically taken away from Stan and Pat Harms on September 23, 1992, a victim of an abduction and subsequent murder. Candi was missing from September 23 until December 6, 1992, at which time the two men responsible for her death were apprehended by the police and prosecuted. Ironically, it was during the time that Candi was missing that she did the greatest work for God. Her disappearance made local and national headlines and was the subject of numerous news stories over the nearly three months she was missing. News stories reported about Candi's tremendous faith in God, her love for children, her infectious laugh and smile, her devoted friendship and trust to her many friends and the love she had for her family. One story told of how Candi, at age 18, would take time out of her work, school, and study time to stop and sit on the front step of the house to read or play with several neighbor children as they had asked if Candi could come out to play.

One of Candi's friends told the Harms family that Candi's death had impacted her family so much that they had started going back to church and were praying every day. Numerous other people communicated to Candi's family about how the tragedy surrounding Candi had changed their lives and that they also started going back to church and they felt that they had a greater closeness to God.