

Scholarship Honors a Mother's Life and Her Faith in Christ



A newly endowed scholarship honors the memory of a woman who lived for the Lord, especially during her battle with cancer. Her life and her faith in Christ inspired her children to establish the Maureen Helling Memorial Scholarship. The endowed fund, now part of the Pius X Foundation's permanent assets, will provide an annual tuition scholarship to a student or students with financial need.

Maureen Helling was born and raised in Omaha, Neb. One of three children born to Richard and Phyllis Greenberg, Maureen always set the standard for excellence in everything she did, whether it was in school, fellowship, or raising her children. She attended and graduated from Omaha's Central High School before moving to Arizona. Missing her family, she moved back to Omaha a few years later to graduate from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, get married, and raise a family.

From 1991 to 1998, she welcomed four children into the world: Brett, Andrew, Emilee, and Rebecca, who she chose to stay at home with to raise. After her children were grown, she worked a variety of jobs to which every day she brought a smile, joy and hard work. Her ability to work began to slow when she was diagnosed with cancer. During the next few years, Maureen was nothing but positive, upbeat, and optimistic, even when her series of remissions were plagued only to have cancer return again.

Despite each setback, those that knew her knew Maureen to never give up hope. She always continued to fight, no matter how grave the circumstances appeared.

On June 29, 2015, Maureen lost her battle to cancer, a battle she fought long and hard. She lived her entire life for the Lord, but especially in the last few months of her life.

Maureen did everything in the name of Christ, her rock and foundation. Whether reading her Bible, praying nightly, or donating time and money to those in need, Maureen lived every day as if it were her last. She made an impact on everyone in which she came in contact.

It was through that impact that her children were inspired to create this scholarship. Maureen's spirit lives on through this memorial and she will forever help others in their time of need grow closer to the Lord, just as Maureen did so many times during her life.