

Named Scholarship

Pius X High School ~ Pius X Foundation



Dianne Sizemore Memorial Scholarship



Dear Jesus,

Sometimes I am afraid of letting you have complete control of my life. Show me how to be a “yes” kind of girl, like Mary was, and use me to bring you to others. Amen

Dianne Marie Sizemore celebrated life on earth from October 13, 1958 until December 31st 2015. She was born in Berlin, Wis., and grew up in Grand Island, Neb., where she graduated from Grand Island Central Catholic. Dianne attended the University of Nebraska where she met her future husband, Jim. They have two daughters, Julie Marie and Annie Leigh. Both were born in Lincoln, attended Catholic grade schools, and graduated from Pius X High School.

Dianne dedicated her life to helping others find Christ’s love. She was quick to volunteer when asked and always said yes. Dianne believed Christ guided her to be a servant for others without fanfare.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation was a great example of her infinite kindness. Dianne shared many years at the Foundation granting wishes. She loved bringing kids great happiness with a “wish” and she mourned with the family when a child passed away.

GodTeens is an example of how her enduring love provided an inspiration to embrace our God-given talents. She proudly celebrated her “kids” achievements, always being their biggest cheerleader. Dianne’s life provided a blueprint for a life of happiness by always sharing love for others.

Dianne shared her many talents at Blessed Sacrament by leading the Home and School Association, many fund raisers, and weekly bingo. At Pius X, she loved working on BOLT, leading the auction team for several years. Her other favorite pastime was being in the bleachers cheering for the Thunderbolts, especially her nephew Tyler Hooper, niece Morgan Hooper, or any student she was privileged to meet.

She loved helping children and young adults. Her favorite random acts of kindness included volunteering at Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach and the People’s City Mission, as well as collecting for the needy. She always shied away from recognition, preferring to focus on people in need.

Dianne’s extraordinary journey of an ordinary Catholic was especially inspirational during the last seven years. She set an example for all who knew her, as through her own pain and suffering she still was able to show generosity, display her Catholic faith, and support the people and causes important to her. Her cancer journey inspired many who witnessed her resolve to celebrate each day as a miracle.

Dianne changed sadness to joy by reminding others of their faith and Christ’s love. She encouraged others to share joy and happiness, not sympathy and grief. Dianne loved life.

Her family and friends feel the loss of Dianne’s presence on earth. Her family hopes that memories of Dianne will remind each of us of the need to serve others, not to be served. They pray this scholarship will inspire young adults to embrace Dianne’s angelic journey, always sharing how Christ loves us and wants us to share kindness, hope, joy and happiness.