

The Megan Elytha Jean Sahlhoff Music Scholarship

Megan Elytha Jean Sahlhoff was born on December 31, 1987 to her parents, Charles (Bub) Patrick and Cindy Sahlhoff. Bub and Cindy recall always being aware of how much zest Megan had for living.

Megan was always very involved in her church, St. John's Lutheran Church, at which she participated in youth group and Vacation Bible School. Her knack for making people smile and laugh were her greatest characteristics and she used them unceasingly.

Megan also participated in many sports growing up, but her favorite was always swimming. She was a part of the Blue Dolphin Swim Team and the North Judson-San Pierre (NJ-SP) High School Swim Team. The water was one of her true loves, and she was constantly working on her butterfly and freestyle strokes, or lifeguarding at the NJ-SP and West Central School pools.



When she wasn't in the pool, Megan enjoyed displaying her great musical skills. She played a variety of instruments, including the flute, piccolo, and piano, and she loved to sing. Her great talents were displayed in the NJ-SP band, chamber choir, and in madrigal performances. While singing and playing in the band, she won many awards and medals for her playing ability. She was named the best marching Bluejay, she was picked to play with the All-Star Band, she made the Regional and District band, and she played a concert with the band from Valparaiso University.

Megan was well on her way to becoming an outstanding woman, with a bright and promising future. Sadly, when she was just sixteen, she passed away due to a car accident. Great loss was felt throughout Starke County. Shortly afterward, Megan's parents decided to honor her legacy by creating a scholarship fund in her name with help from the Starke County Community Foundation. This scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors of North Judson-San Pierre High School who are pursuing a career in the field of music, and who display the same morality that made Megan special.