



### **COLYNN JOIA SHINN SCHOLARSHIP**

**JUNE 8, 1979 – DECEMBER 24, 1996**

Colynn Joia Shinn was a high school student at Shaker Heights High School. Colynn had accumulated enough credit hours to graduate early. Due to her health, she was the first of the Class of 1997 to graduate during a small ceremony held at her home on October 29, 1996. She was a quiet and reserved young lady who was admired and respected by all of her classmates and teachers throughout her education in the Shaker School system.

Colynn, age 17, died December 24, 1996 at her home due to complications resulting from a brain tumor that was diagnosed in October 1994. During the last two years of her life and while undergoing radiation and chemotherapy at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, Colynn was a pillar of courage as she continued her studies at Shaker Heights High School. She continued to play golf and participated in church activities with the youth group at Mt. Zion.

Colynn participated in the Shaker Heights High School Choir and was a junior usher at Mt. Zion Congregational Church. She was also a member of the Greater Cleveland Junior Golf Scholarship Fund Golf League and had received a four-year golf scholarship from the Wedgewood Golf Association. Colynn had also been a member of the Shaker Sharks swim team.

During the summer of 1996, Colynn visited relatives in Australia for six weeks and attended high school classes there. Colynn attended the University of Michigan pre-engineering summer program for two years and had aspirations of becoming a chemical engineer. During her life, she exhibited outstanding courage, dedication to her church, a love of schoolwork and a zest for life.

The Shinn Family established the Mt. Zion Colynn Shinn Scholarship on February 12, 1997.

## **COLYNN JOIA SHINN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Colynn Joia Shinn Scholarship Fund was established by her family in 1996 (activated 1997), to celebrate her life and memory. The Fund provides awards annually to High School Seniors who are either members of Mt. Zion Congregational Church, United Church of Christ or Shaker Heights High School. The Award recipients should exhibit the following defining characteristics of Colynn's life: outstanding courage, religious faith, a love of school work, and a zest for life.

- Scholarship applications should be submitted to the Mt. Zion Congregational Church UCC Scholarship Committee by the deadline indicated on the application.
- The applications should include: an essay of 500 words or less, relating the applicant's background, educational plans and how the applicant exhibits the personal characteristics cited above, and two recommendations, one from a school official and/or a second from another individual such as clergy, medical professionals, employer, etc.
- Scholarship recipients will be presented at the Family Day Worship Service at Mt. Zion Congregational Church, held annually on the second Sunday in June. Mt. Zion Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is located in University Circle directly across the street from the VA Hospital at: 10723 Magnolia Drive, Cleveland, OH, 44106.
- Scholarship awards will be in the amount of \$1,000.00 per recipient.

Academic achievement desirable but not required.