

# The Carolyn Piett Memorial Bursary

**Carolyn Piett**  
**Dec 29, 1984 – Mar 31, 2008**

Carolyn Piett was born and raised in Embro where she was involved in many sports but it was hockey where she found her passion. Carolyn's hockey career started off innocently enough. The boys' team that her father was helping coach had an hour of ice at the end of the season. Carolyn wanted to scrimmage with them. With all borrowed equipment, she played that night and was hooked.

The next season, she registered with the boys' PeeWee team along with five other girls where they performed well throughout the season. However, that summer she asked if she could play on an all-girls team the next season. When Woodstock or Stratford were mentioned as possibilities, she said "No, I want to play on an Embro girls' team." With the help of some parents and a willing sponsor, the Embro Ice Breakers were formed.

The following year, there were three Embro girls' teams -- Bantam, PeeWee and Atom. Carolyn did play for the Stratford Aces when there were not enough older girls to form an Embro team and there she became good friends with many on the team. But she was always looking for an excuse to return to Embro Minor Hockey. She did return to Embro a few years later as a Trainer and Assistant Coach.

Carolyn was a great student of the game and understood the principles involved, but while she did like coaching and loved working (and teasing) the young players, she loved to play.

It seemed fitting that in 2007, ten years after her involvement with the first team, she and her best hockey friend Jill Sutherland, formed a senior ladies team in Embro. When trying to come up with a name for the team, the Embro 97's seemed appropriate.

Carolyn's philosophy was "Always make your last game your best, and since you were never sure when your last game might be, make every game your best." She played her last game on March 30, 2008. In that game she scored twice and assisted on two other goals. Never known as a goal scorer, she made her last game her best.

She was a great motivator and never held anything back but it was her trademark smile for which she will always be remembered.

Through consultation with Carolyn's parents, Ron and Pauline and their family, Embro Minor Hockey Association has decided to administer a bursary to give back to community female hockey players, in remembrance of Carolyn. The bursary fund was formed through generous donations from family and friends.

Embro Minor Hockey will grant two awards of \$200\* each annually to qualified applicants.

## **Criteria**

The bursary is available to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Is entering post secondary education, apprenticeship program or other educational program
- Has played the majority of her hockey years in the Embro/Zorra area
- Is 21 yrs of age or younger as of Dec 31 of the year of application

## **Application**

Applicants must complete an electronic application form on the Embro Minor Hockey Association website by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The electronic application will require the following information:

- Birthdate
- Details of the years you played in the Embro Minor Hockey and/or Zorra Fuzion hockey system
- A summary of what hockey has meant to you and what plans you have to be involved in hockey in the future.
- Confirmation of the education program you are enrolled in (ie: tuition receipt)

## **Review Process**

A committee directed by EMHA will review all applications received by the deadline date. The committee at its sole discretion will select the winners who appear to be best qualified and most promising based on the application.

The committee will be the sole decision makers on the granting of any bursary and are authorized to withhold the bursary if there are no qualified applicants.

## **Bursary Winners**

Embro Minor Hockey will notify each winner and will pay the funds directly to the winner. Bursary amounts are subject to availability of funds and can be changed as determined by EMHA.